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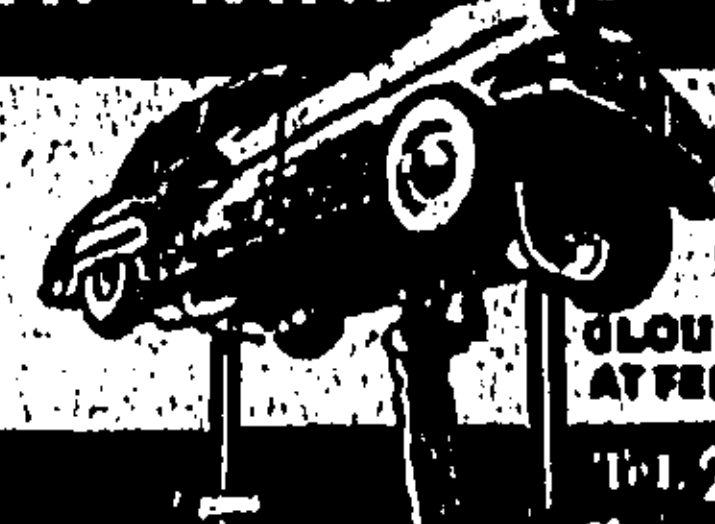
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REDS TAKE INVASION BASE

Ground and air action against Hainan Reds LI TSUNG-JEN ATTACKED

Taipei, February 4.

The Nationalists said today the Communists have taken Fenghu near the mainland seaport of Swatow, a possible base for an expected Red invasion attempt against Taiwan.

The Nationalist Defence Ministry said a small Communist force from Swatow seized the island. Fenghu is West of Namoa, a larger island used by the Nationalists to hamper the Reds' use of Swatow.

Navy ship aground off Pratas

Two merchantmen, the identity of which was not available, were last night steaming to the aid of HMS Prince Salvor, a Navy salvage ship.

A distress message from Prince Salvor was intercepted in Hong Kong earlier in the day.

The vessel wirelessed that it had run aground on the North reef of Pratas Island, about 180 miles South East of Hong Kong.

The message added that the ship's tanks were being flooded to hold the vessel in position.

With its head toward the sea, the ship was encountering strong winds and heavy seas.

The last message received by the Royal Navy in Hong Kong from the vessel at 0.01 o'clock last night stated that she was out of danger, and that distress signals had ended.

Mollers sent out their rescuer, Pasty Moller, yesterday afternoon in response to the distress signal.

HMS Prince Salvor is on charter to Mollers, and she was engaged in salvage operations on the Chinese LST that stranded on the Pratas some months ago.

HMS Belfast on that occasion went to take off the LST's passengers who were all Chinese Nationalist soldiers and their families.

LORRY TRAFFIC IN BERLIN NORMAL

Helmstedt, February 4. West Germany lorry traffic heading on the Autobahn was almost back to normal this morning.

Fifty lorries had passed the check-point near here on their way to Berlin in less than an hour this morning, after the East zone police had lifted their ban on road traffic.

The Soviet border commandant at the check-point, told the British zone German border police he would like to see the queue of waiting lorries cleared by this afternoon.—Reuter.

BRITISH WOMAN ASKS FOR ASYLUM

Prague, February 4. The controlled Czech radio announced Saturday that a woman medical adviser of the British council in Prague resigned her post and asked the Czechoslovak government for asylum.

The radio identified the woman as Dr. Anna Rides.—Associated Press.

The Weather

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Yesterday's Weather:
Maximum: 68.2 deg. F.
Minimum: 49.2 deg. F.
Rainfall: 0.3 inch.

Forecast for Sunday, Feb. 5:
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COINCIDENCE SISTERS



More than a thousand girls have been auditioned by a West End of London cinema which plans to run combined screen and stage shows soon. These three girls, Margaret, Nikki and Jan, each went to separate auditions, and in spite of the competition each was picked to dance in the cinema's stage show. They have never danced together on the stage before, but they're sisters. The three Misses Martin, in fact.

COLONY'S JAPAN TRADE

Tokyo, February 4. A Japanese Press report today said last month's Hong Kong-Japan trade conference cleared the way for the signing of an agreement to exchange U.S.\$70,000,000 worth of goods, doubling last year's volume of trade between the two areas and bringing it into balance for the first time since the end of the war.

Occupation officials were not available for comment on the report tonight. But in official statements during the trade talks they indicated that the negotiations here were not aimed at the drafting of a formal trade agreement but merely at obtaining a "understanding" on export-import procedures and financial problems.

Japan bought little from Hong Kong last year and the total trade of about US\$40,000,000 resulted in a favourable balance for Japan of US\$27,000,000. A recent occupation report said this claim undoubtedly will be paid to goods as it becomes possible for Hong Kong to ship goods which Japan will buy.

A Japanese government source was quoted by Jiji Press tonight as saying that under the projected 1950 trade agreement with Hong Kong, Japan would buy US\$35,000,000 worth of goods—most of it transshipments from Red China—and sell the same amount of Japanese goods to Hong Kong buyers. It is presumed that the bulk of Japanese sales also will be destined for Chinese consumers.—United Press.

Nationalists to veto ousting from Security Council

Lake Success, February 3. The Chinese Nationalist delegation to the United Nations was understood to have made it clear today that it will use the veto to block its ouster from the Security Council when such a move gains the needed seven votes.

The notice was served by the Nationalist delegate, Dr. Hsu Shi, in a closed meeting of the Council committee studying the proposals for revising the Council rules to cover disputes over accreditation.

Dr. Hsu was understood to have stressed at the meeting that the dispute over accreditation was political and not a mere procedural question and to have added: "Any improper decision of the Security Council, which is due to meet on February 7 at Lake Success."

Associated Press adds that the Chinese Communists renewed their demands that they be given the Chinese Nationalist's place in the United Nations.

Peiping Radio announced that the Vice Foreign Minister, Mr. Li Ke-nung, had sent messages to UN officials insisting the Communist appointed be seated on the UN Economic and Social Council, which is due to meet on February 7 at Lake Success.

The broadcast, heard in San Francisco by the Associated Press, said Chi Chiao-ling had been named by the Communists to that position.

Chi was identified as head of the Peiping regime's "Central Bureau for Administering Enterprises with Foreign Capital." The broadcast also described him as a not-partisan Democrat.

Meanwhile, the United Nations Secretary-General, Trygve Loe, is carrying on secret talks with key diplomats in an effort to end the East-West stalemate over China.

He told a Press conference that he has already conferred with 11 members of the Security Council. Russia is boycotting UN meetings at which Chinese Nationalist delegates are seated.

Dr. Loe said, "I do not know now whether we have made any real progress but I shall continue the conversations."

There is still no decision on whether to call an extraordinary session of the General Assembly to debate the Chinese problem.

Dr. Loe said, however, that the Security Council will meet at 8 p.m. GMT on Tuesday to consider the India-Pakistan dispute over Kashmir.

He said President Harry Truman's "H-bomb" order showed the necessity for the great powers to get together and work for peace.

At some time in the future, he said, he may follow up the idea that the UN explore controls on biological warfare as a stepping stone toward atomic control.

United Press and Associated Press.

Cargo vessels to be used as floating godowns

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Eleven cargo vessels, now laid-up in Victoria Harbour and capable of accommodating 30,000 measurement tons, will be used as floating godowns by the end of the month.

This is an attempt by the Communist-controlled China Merchants Steamship Navigation Company to help alleviate Hong Kong's most serious shortage of cargo storage, brought about by the Nationalist sea blockade of North China ports.

Plans are nearing completion. They will be forwarded to the Director of Marine for approval within a fortnight.

The 11 freighters, which hoisted the Communist Five Star flag in mid-January, are now undergoing a sprucing up. They will be ready to receive cargo early in March.

Mr. Charles Kiang, official spokesman for CMSN, Hong Kong Office, announced last evening that the company has decided to offer its laid-up ships to Hong Kong's business community to be utilised as floating godowns.

"The cargo can be discharged into or off-loaded directly from the floating godown," he added. The freighters will remain where they are. Most of them are riding at anchor in Yau-mat Bay.

The cargo storage problem has been a major headache to local businessmen for some time. The position has deteriorated gravely since late last year.

Conservative estimates are that some 1,000,000 measurement tons of cargo have been stranded in local godowns as a result of the Nationalist sea blockade of North China ports, to which most of the cargo was consigned.

To ease the situation, floating cargo, originally arranged for unloading in the Colony, is being diverted to Singapore and other ports on the route via the Indian Ocean. It will wait there for the "about" signal from Hong Kong when the China sea front is once more open to safe trading.

Meanwhile, ways and means are being devised to relieve the shortage. Open yards have been utilised for non-perishable goods. But even there have been taken up to the last inch of space.

No dangerous goods. The company will only be interested in accepting ordinary commercial cargo. Plans do not include storage of dangerous goods, for the time being.

Each freighter can receive an average of 3,000 tons. Built in American shipyards in 1944 and 1945, the vessels have modern facilities for cargo handling and cargo preservation.

"We will charter each ship based on rates according to cargo space. Normal shore business procedure will be adhered to," the spokesman revealed.

The personnel—about 50 men aboard each vessel—will help in the loading and discharge of cargo.

Elaborating on the plans, Mr. Kiang remarked that this innovation in Hong Kong harbour will eliminate damage risk and save time and expense.

Associated Press.

Malay Reds step up activities

Singapore, February 4. The police reported today that Communists in both Singapore and Malaya are showing signs of stepping up for a counter-offensive while more than 13,000 Malaysians volunteer daily for the all-out drive against terrorism.

During the week, an increased number of Communist leaflets, posters and pamphlets have appeared in public places throughout the Malayan Federation.

Guerrillas have been cutting more telephone wires and an attempt was made to sabotage water pipelines in Johore, on which Singapore depends for its main water supply.

Terrorist killers have stepped up operations, making many attacks this week on Malayan and Chinese villages. A hand-grenade exploded last night in Singapore—the first act of terrorism in the city since the "early" months of the emergency in 1948.

The police said the grenade incident was part of an attempt to set fire to a vehicle park, containing 70 motor buses. After the explosion, the Singapore police arrested five suspects, all members of the illegal Malayan Communist Party.—Reuter.

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Labour groups "comfort" Tramway men

Nearly 1,500 labourers and others from more than 40 labour organisations and schools called on the tramway men last night and brought them gifts of money, rice and clothing.

The callers were received by officials of the Tram Workers Union on the roof-top of the premises of the Federation of Labour Unions in Lockhart Street.

Mr. Auyang Shu-fung, Vice-Chairman of the Union, thanked the callers for their support.

More than HK\$20,000 in money was received. The night of the call was the meeting that since the tramway men were driven out of their headquarters on Monday last, financial support from various labour unions and organisations had increased.

Since Monday contributions have topped the HK\$30,000 mark. Among the labour organisations which sent comfort missions last night were the student and office staff of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company in Hong Kong, the workers of the Cantonese Community Centre, the North Point Installation, and bus workers from both sides of the harbour.

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CHURCHILL HITS LABOUR GOVT

Leeds, England, February 4. Winston Churchill accused the Labour government today of turning Britain apart with class warfare at the most critical hour in its peacetime history.

Mr. Churchill said the Labourites, taking a leaf from Soviet Russia's book, have kept wartime controls in order "to get everyone into their power, and make them stand in queues for the favours which an all-wise and all-powerful governing machine chooses to bestow."—Associated Press.

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS DOING EXCELLENT WORK

Hundreds of Hong Kong boys and girls are learning how to be good citizens because of association of civic-minded residents has taken their interests to heart.

The Association is the Boys and Girls Clubs Association, whose task it is to take young people of the poorer classes off the streets and provide them with a few hours of indoor educational entertainment and study every evening.

There are at present 41 Clubs of this kind in the Colony, and they are sponsored by the Association and by individual residents and firms.

Once an organization or a person has taken upon itself the task of sponsoring a club, it assumes responsibility for that club, and bears some of its financial outlay. The Association, as the parent body, controls all these clubs.

The Bishop of Hong Kong, the Right Reverend R. O. Hall, is the President of the Association. Its Secretary is Mr. Herbert Lai. Mr. Lai is assisted by a young and energetic graduate of Wah Yeh College, Mr. James Poon, who, despite his youth, is an ardent social worker.

In 1935 a group of foreign and Chinese police were concerned about a handful of young boys and girls who had collected from the streets. After some discussion with the magistrate of the Juvenile Court and some of the club members to begin the first Boys' Club, where the boys could play games in the evening and feel at home.

By 1941 there were 20 such clubs in Hong Kong and Kowloon, but none of them survived the occupation. As soon as the war was over, Bishop Hall and his Committee felt it imperative that the clubs should be restarted as quickly as possible. Wherever accommodation was possible, in old Nissen Huts, disused temples, school, church and hospital premises, Boys and Girls clubs sprang up, and by the end of 1947 there were 22 of them. At present there are 41.

A combination

The premises are called clubs to distinguish them from schools, but in fact they are a combination of both. The young people accommodated there learn basic Chinese, enjoy playing games, listening to stories, and are trained in the fundamentals of social behaviour.

The children who attend the clubs are among the poorest in the Colony, and many of them depend on a very precarious existence on the streets. A few of them work for their living, mostly as shoe-shine boys or hawkers, but the majority are kept by their parents or relatives, for whom they do odd jobs.

None of them attend orthodox school, and at the moment they get no opportunity of learning a trade.

The clubs vary a great deal, and some premises are much more suitable for clubs than others.

Visiting one such club last week, a representative of the "Sunday Herald" was able to

see how it operates. A bamboo screen divided a large hall into two sections, one of which is a boys' club and the other a girls' club.

Milk distribution

The children, ranging from five years to 12, sit on benches, singing and listening to music by members of their own groups and by leaders.

The evening begins with a wash, and ends with a distribution of milk and biscuits. The boys and girls are so keen to get their daily ration that they wait for hours for the doors to open.

Mr. Lai and Mr. Poon are both hard-working enthusiasts who have the interest of the young people at heart. Their zeal is reflected in everything they do.

Mr. Lai is a British-trained social worker, and Mr. Poon, not yet 22, plans to visit England this summer for a two-year social course.

The Association's success also depends very much on the young men and women called leaders, who give up their evenings and often their week-ends to teach the boys and girls how to sing, dance, and behave correctly. They only get \$75 a month, but do not mind the poor pay.

Almost without exception, the club leaders show considerable natural ability for club leadership and a real concern for the boys and girls under their care. During the past year the Association has run two Leaders Training Courses to help and encourage them, and to give them the feeling that their work has real professional status.

The clubs fill a gap in the social life of Hong Kong, where schools cannot do. It takes into account the poorest elements of the population, and gives them a foundation on which to build later on. The fact that this work has not been in vain is shown by the favourable reaction of certain firms and corporations into whose staff some of the club graduates have been admitted.

FOUR MONTHS FOR RASC SOLDIER

Mark Fu, a soldier of the Royal Army Service Corps, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at District Court yesterday when he was found guilty on a charge of demanding money with menaces from Wong King-sin, a 20-year-old Chinese woman, at the Economy Canteen in Southern Playground.

The sentence is to take effect on the day of the defendant's arrest, December 12.

RSM Richardson said that Mark had been with the Army for seven and a half months and his conduct had been good. He was a member of the Army Band.

Personalia

Messrs. John J. Clayton, William J. McLaughlin, Te Ke and Yui He left Hong Kong for Saigon yesterday by Air France.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Jackson, and Mr. W. Banerjee arrived in the Colony on Friday from Saigon by Air France.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Friday included Mrs. J. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson, Mrs. G. Tom, Miss S. Smith, Miss M. Boeher, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Denn Wong, Messrs. G.W.E. Barraclough, G. Doherty, P.A. Anderson, O. Lennert, A.M. Baruch, C. Nappert, and Mr. Chan.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday were Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. S. Martin, Dr. and Mrs. W.N. Cummins, Miss M. Monson, Captain and Mrs. R. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. P. Doherty, Captain and Mrs. T.S. Bonham, Messrs. J.E. Wilson, C. Tobias, A.B. Elder, A.E. Cates, L.H. Wood, E.J. Strivels, A.G. Chell, G.A. Vivasour, M.L. Purohit, and S.E. Adarwalla.

Baillie John McAslan will speak on "How We Govern Glasgow" at the Y.M.C.A. Club luncheon on Thursday at the Hong Kong Hotel.

Miss Adele Grahame has arrived in Hong Kong by Pan American Airways from London. She has come from Europe where she has been staying with her sisters in London and relatives in Northern Ireland. She is proceeding to her home in Australia where she is going to continue her studies in medicine at the Sydney University.

She is staying here with her sister, Dr. Elizabeth D. Grahame (Mrs. J.E. Sugars). The sisters are the daughters of Dr. F.J. Browne, Sydney surgeon, Dr. F.J. Browne, besides the father and the two daughters in the medical profession, there is a brother, a specialist in Melbourne, and another brother in his third year of study in medicine at the Sydney University.

Miss Grahame expects to fly back to Sydney at the end of this month.

Among those who left for Singapore by BOAC yesterday were J.E. Wilson, Wong Tze-chen, J.D.E. Davis, G.A. Briggs, R. Shih, R. Koolhaas, T.G.R.P. Nolson, L.R. Woods, M. Partridge, Mrs. F. Crawford, Miss C. Crawford, Miss R. Crawford, Mr. L. Sojza and Mr. Foster.

Mr. H. Wrigley, Australian Airlines aircraft, yesterday.

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Air Commodore A.D. Davies, CBE, Air Officer Commanding Royal Air Force, Hong Kong, inspecting the crew of the RAE Sunderlands which will leave on Thursday for New Zealand on an exchange visit with the RNZAF. (Air Ministry photo).

New film company formed in Colony

A new film production company, the Taurus Film (Far East) Limited, has been formed in the Colony.

It is now being registered as a private company and will work in close association with Taurus Films Productions Limited of London.

Mr. John Page, director of the London company, who has been making films in Hong Kong during the past 10 months, and Mr. Leslie Smith, well-known journalist who has spent a number of years in Asia and the Far East, will be the directors of the local company.

The new company will produce all types of films including sponsored and advertising, instructional and industrial, entertainment shorts and feature films. It will arrange distribution and screening and will also market British film equipment.

Mr. John Page, well known in Britain as a cameraman and a director of documentary films, has completed a number of pictures since his arrival here.

The first, entitled "Hong Kong" is a 20 minute documentary for the Colonial Office and the Central Office of Information, and will be shown for the first time in March. The commentary for this film was written by Mr. Patrick O'Donovan, who was the London "Supervisor" correspondent in the Far East, and who spent some time in Hong Kong.

Mr. Page has also made a 45 minute "historical film" for the British Museum, "Millionaire Society" on the theme "One Hundred Years in South China". This film, copies of which should reach Hong Kong in April, is the most ambitious yet made for this Society—possibly for any religious group.

A third film, tentatively called "Young Children" runs for 10 minutes and will be shown to school children throughout the United Kingdom, as part of a world series. It deals with children at home, at school, at work, and at play.

Mr. Page has also made a short film on planting and harvesting for Harry Ferguson Limited, the British tractor firm, and also carried out the Chinese section of the United Nations' film of the work of UNICEF, films in Canton.

In addition, 13 newsreel items have been made in Hong Kong and Macao for British Movietone and 6,000 feet of film has been supplied to Eime of Great Britain for incorporation in a film on the work of Miss Mildred Cable, distinguished author of a number of books of travel in Central Asia and China.

Mr. Page has just completed the first issue of a film magazine for Lintas Limited of London and will be undertaking a further assignment in Singapore for the same sponsor.

The new company, which will have its office in Union House, has already received enquiries from Hong Kong's educational institutions in producing films.

It is hoped that the first film will go into production following Mr. Page's return from Singapore.

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Girl students from workers' schools were also among the callers, and a school teacher from a school in Kowloon addressed the meeting, urging support for the tramway men. He said each pupil and teacher was making a minimum contribution of a catty of rice or \$1 a month, until the tram workers were back at work.

The biggest supporters were the bus workers, each of whom was asked to contribute from \$1 to \$2. This may be doubled next week, if necessary, their representatives said.

Promises of continued financial support were given by all the callers. Contributions from individual organisations ranged from \$500 to \$5,000 at a time.

Mr. Aueyung, Shiu-fung, the Vice Chairman of the Tram Workers' Union, said there has been no headway in the negotiations which Mr. Ka Cheuk-hung, the Chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, was holding with the Tramway Company for a resumption of talks.

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Kong for bona fide visits to
Territories outside of the Main-
land of China and Macao can
now be made at the Immigra-
tion Office, Police Headquar-
ters, Hong Kong.

3. Affidavits may be used
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cap" it has been decided to
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tions. The third section will
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DECISION IN AIRLINE
CASE RESERVED

Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, yesterday reserv-
ed his decision on the conclusion of the four-
day old application by Civil Air Transport,
Incorporated, for a receiver for the property
of the China National Aviation Corporation.
A similar application by CAT, Inc., involving the
Central Air Transport Corporation property—
which they also claim they bought—will be
heard at the Supreme Court on Wednesday.

Hearing of the motion to dis-
charge the injunctions on the
impounded airlines brought up
by the pro-Communist man-
agements of the airlines will
start on Friday.

The recent application entailed
numerous legal arguments, in-
volving international law and the
legal aspects of the question of
possession. Counsel's large table
at which sat eight barristers and
their instructing solicitors, was
Mr. V. J. L. D'Alton instructed by
British and Company.

Major General Claire L. Chen-
nault and Mr. Whiting Willauer
were named as defendants. They
were represented by Mr. V. J. L.
D'Alton instructed.

Major General William Doan-
ville, CAT, Inc., was represented
by the Hon. Leo d'Almeida, KC.
Mr. Joan McNeill and Mr. D. A. L.
Wright, instructed by Wilkinson
and Grist.

Mr. Eldon Potter, KC, Mr.
Percy Chen, and Mr. B. A. Ber-
nardi appeared for the CNA
pro-Communist, the third party
instructed by Ford Kwan and
Company.

Mr. C. Loseby, KC, was present
for other interested parties.

Following three days of legal
arguments submitted by both
sides on the question of possession,
and ownership of the CNAC prop-
erty, Mr. John McNeill, replying
to Mr. Percy Chen's contentions,
said among other things that the
new government in China is not
bound by acts done by the former
de jure government in relation to
contracts not within the jurisdic-
tion of the newly recognised gov-
ernment.

The question of "retro-activity"
does not come in, he submitted.

Recognition issue
It was also contended that
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of the then de facto government,
before its formal de jure recog-
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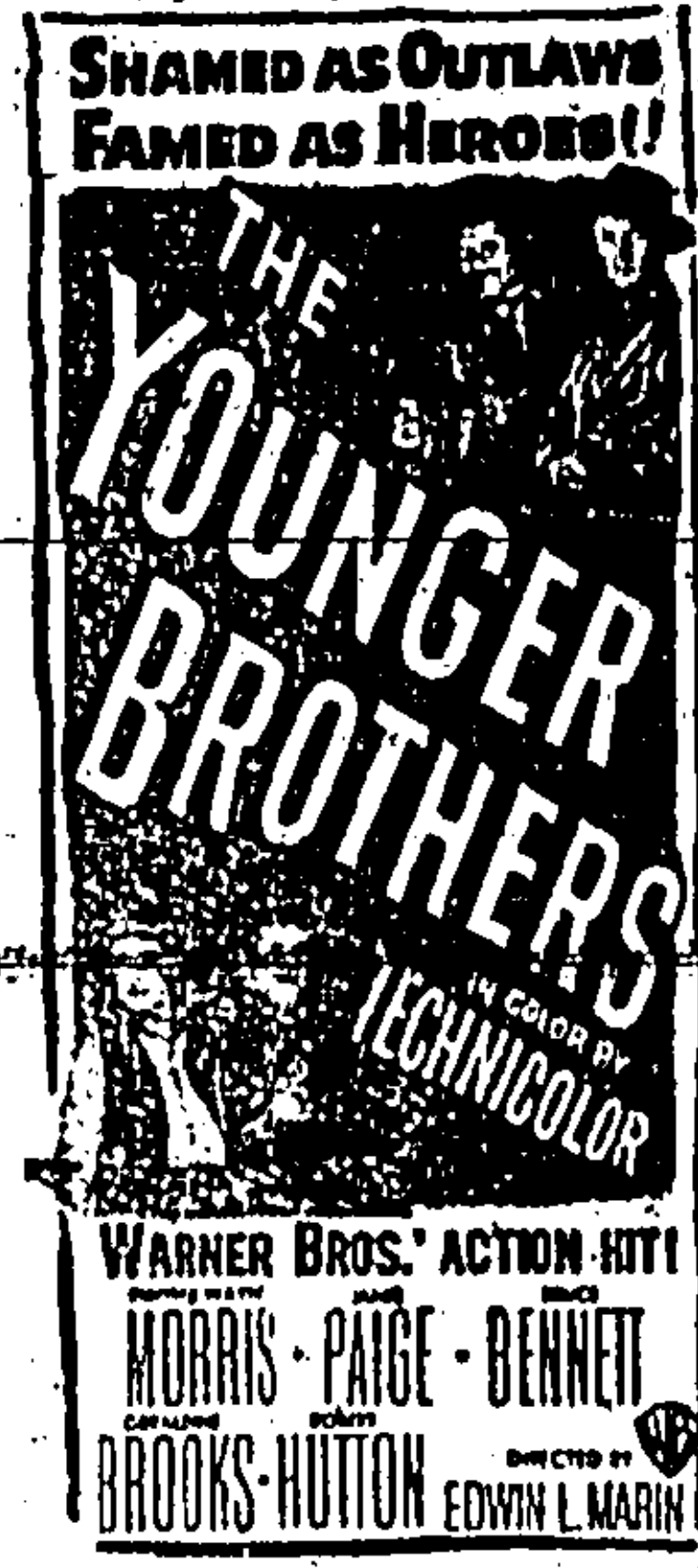
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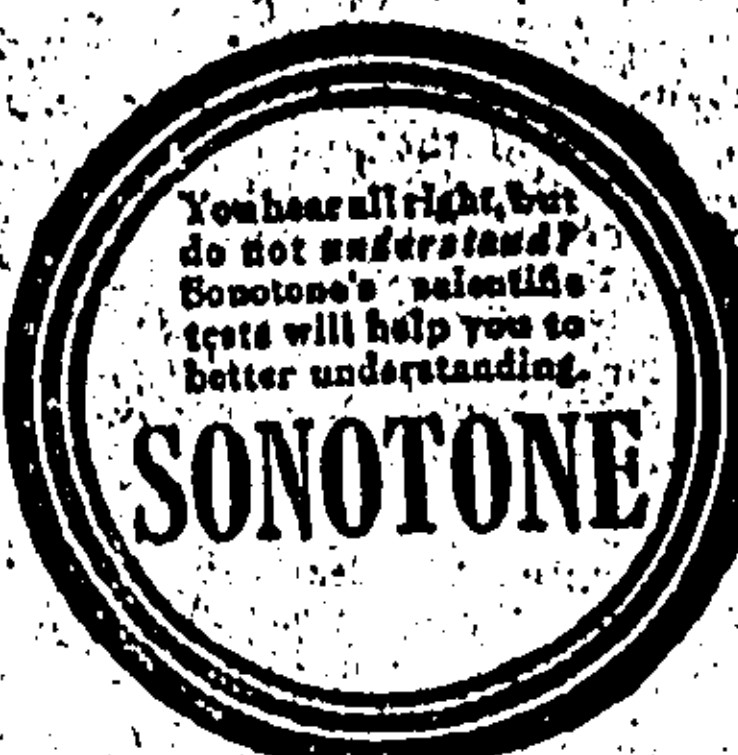
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WHAT THE STARS FORETELL

By R.H. Naylor

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JANUARY

(December 21—January 19)
Finances take a leap upward; many of your immediate problems will be solved before end of week. Also, re-assuring news of a project that has been maturing for the last six or eight months. Business life a trifle stormy but you overcome opposition by Thursday.

FEBRUARY

(January 20—February 18)
You will probably be in an extravagant mood; better watch what you spend end of week. An interesting period socially; link-ups made in next few days that will benefit you for some time to come. An old family problem uppermost once more beginning in week.

MARCH

(February 19—March 20)
Much to be cleared up before you can start out on something new. Better devote this week to settling problems of family or property, completing half-finished jobs. Financial prospects bright but you may have to wait until next month for much cash.

APRIL

(March 21—April 20)
Social life peculiarly attractive in next few days, but take care you don't neglect business and domestic problems for it. Likelihood of stormy period in the family circle and controversy connected with loans in the past. Late in week news of friends overseas or a visit from returned traveller.

MAY

(April 21—May 20)
Potentially a most important period; don't turn down any likely offers made on Monday or Friday. At the same time, long-standing responsibilities prove heavier than usual and you have to pay out on behalf of dependent or older woman. A prosperous week provided you avoid speculation.



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(May 21—June 20)
Much happens this week to take your mind off routine work. Distractions of an alluring type or maybe personal adventure take up much time on Monday and Tuesday. Be careful that you don't neglect opportunities for making the right contacts, forwarding overseas interests mid-week.

JULY

(June 21—July 20)
Curious situation arises in family affairs. Some mystery that may have baffled you during the last few weeks likely to be cleared up. At the same time a certain amount of money released from old investments or prospective investments.

AUGUST

(July 21—August 21)
Though you may be budgeted and bothered, be careful what you put in writing in next few days. Also, do as little as possible through correspondence or a third party. The personal touch will not only smooth out trouble but bring money and success early in week.

SEPTEMBER

(August 22—September 22)
Financial muddle may result in bickering among relatives or dependants this week. Don't let impatience drive you into rash commitments before you know all facts. A good period for new schemes; better concentrate on fresh ideas rather than on routine tasks.

OCTOBER

(September 23—October 23)
Unless you are careful, you make enemies in next days. Wiser to be acquiescent, fall in with any suggestions made. An important week socially if you can retain your poise, keep clear of new schemes.

NOVEMBER

(October 24—November 22)
Someone is likely to make heavy demands upon your pocket in next few days. If you feel impelled to give, face the fact that you will probably not see your money again. Propitious period for anything connected with the family or with property.

DECEMBER

(November 23—December 20)
An important decision may have to be made in a hurry in next few days. But after that you will probably see your way clear to action that has been planned for some time past. A good week for correspondence and for travel.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5: FOR MOST OF US:

You will get the best of today's influences if you take life rather seriously. Good for study, meditation, planning future activities. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Sort Grey, 8, Dark Snappies.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Better face the fact that throughout 1950 you are likely to be closely tied to your present environment and to family interests. If you have been entertaining thoughts of travel or of a new job, banish them. Not only would you gain little by reshuffles, but circumstances would be all against them in the coming twelve months. So make the most of what you have this year.

Though you may be hard-worked and closely tied, you will probably be happy in spite of it all. At the end of the year you will have gained by responding to the call of duty and by the exercise of patience and tenacity.

Financially it should be a fairly satisfactory year although money will tend to come in slowly. You will probably bring responsibilities in its train.

There will be much to do with elderly people throughout the year. If your parents are surviving you will see a good deal of them in 1950. In business too older people and associates of many years standing will be of great extent affect your plans. Towards the end of the year a new friendship is likely and will bring fresh interest and colour into your existence. Until after September better be content with your present associates and with the daily round. Family claims and ties established many years ago are likely to take up your time and attention during most of the year.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6: FOR MOST OF US: Unsettled beginning to the working day; you may not achieve much until late in day. Good nevertheless for social activities and for interviews. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Pastel Shades, 6, Turquoise.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Now begins a changeable but interesting and probably happy year. Throughout 1950 you will feel unsettled and perhaps resentful of existing restrictions. But new interests will develop rapidly and you should find compensation in a link-up of an unusual character. In spite of opposition and criticism it will be worth-while going ahead with new schemes. You may not be able to get very far with them until about October but better plod away as soon as you can. It will be little use clinging to outworn associations or to a job you have grown to dislike.

Financially there seems little to worry about. Your income may not increase in spectacular fashion but it will be adequate for your needs. Also, there is some chance of windfall or successful speculation either in the near future or October.

It looks as though you will be planning travel throughout 1950, but may not get an opportunity to go abroad until late in the year. It would not be wise to be on the move in June or July; better postpone your journeys until about October. You would then have much better prospects both for material gains and personal happiness.

Your personal affairs are likely to pass through a difficult phase early in the year. A break with a near relative or trusted friend is likely before August. But after that you should find much happiness in a new link-up and, in the end, make business and financial gains through the same association.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7: FOR MOST OF US: Good for most business ventures and particularly favourable for legal or financial business. Quick thinking essential to success this afternoon. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Orange, 1 Diamond.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Now begin a year of curiously assorted adventures and experiences. On the one hand you will make money, probably achieve success in your particular sphere. On the other hand, life will be full of small irritations and personal problems.

Better concentrate on establishing your business and financial position early in the year. You may not see much result from your efforts until about August or October. But then money should come in plentifully and you will be able to relax and enjoy life. But many schemes will prove rather baffling to you. Those that seemed a sure thing may fall flat, while ventures that started badly do extremely well. The net result, however, should be satisfactory and you need have no doubts about your progress in 1950.

It may be necessary to go abroad, possibly at short notice. You won't enjoy any travel you may do this year but it should prove helpful and stimulating in the long run. If you stay at home, consider a house move between August and November.

It is a good year for getting married. If now unattached, you may plunge into matrimony at very short notice. If already settled, there are many changes ahead this year, but family fortunes are definitely on the increase. Also, you will make friends of good standing who are helpful in the years to come.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8: FOR MOST OF US: Day of surprises and unexpected gains. But somewhat adverse for social life or personal affairs. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Leaf Green, 4, Emerald.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Success and happiness in 1950, dependent upon how much courage and originality you possess. Born when you were, you probably have your full share of both these qualities and, during the coming twelve months, you will find them of great avail. This could be an outstanding period in your life if you are brave and alert.

Life will take a curious turn, probably about July. Changes may seem distasteful but will probably be necessary and will certainly be worthwhile in the end. But you may have to revise your way of living altogether and to adapt yourself to a quite new environment.

Money will be the least of your problems this year. Provided you don't gamble and are not unduly extravagant, you should end the 12 months with cash in hand. But don't let financial considerations influence any decisions you may have to make between June and October.

It will be a restless year and you will probably have as much about a good deal. So don't arrange to take a new house, or to settle down in any one place. Not until early 1951 are you likely to see your way clearly ahead.

Better be guided by your head rather than your heart in 1950. Sentimental considerations will merely lead you astray this year. What new friendships you make will be based upon some kind of intellectual affinity and not upon emotional appeal. Indeed, you will probably find more satisfaction in casual relationships than in intimate ties.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9: FOR MOST OF US:

Cautious policy pays throughout the day; don't make unnecessary changes. Good for property matters and family affairs. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Soft Brown, 8, Jade.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Your best policy throughout the coming twelve months is to stay where you are. Though you may feel restless and dissatisfied, it will be foolish to make changes just yet. Better put up with disagreeable companions and an unsatisfactory environment for a little longer.

Make physical fitness your chief aim this year and do all you can to maintain a good standard of health. Difficult periods are possible in August and November. You have a greater chance of keeping fit if you stay in one place throughout the year.

Expenses may mount up in the next few months. But don't let that worry you. You will add to your assets during 1950 and probably end the year with more resources than you have at present. But if in a job, don't expect promotion before Christmas.

Although the stars favour any deals in land or house property, it would not be wise to make a decision comes to an end. Do well to improve your present dwelling, or to extend your holdings around it, but it would be unwise to make a complete change. In any problem of this kind, wishes and plans of other people would have to be considered.

Indeed, elderly people will probably call the tune throughout the year and your own schemes will have to be put into the background for a while. It is already settled, you may find relatives and family help of great value about September.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10: FOR MOST OF US: A pleasant contrast to yesterday; life flows easily and agreeably. Excellent for social affairs, interviews, travel. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Yellow, 5, Opal.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: This coming year of life may not be particularly important. In your affairs you could be one of the most agreeable you have had for some time. Though you may have to postpone important changes or decisions until later in the year, some changes will come about. You will have a good deal of happiness and amusement this year. On the whole social life will be more important than your job. Provided you can keep up a

good level of attainment, you need not worry about your working life. But socially it will be worthwhile experimenting, taking up entirely new interests. A little travel is possible though you would not be away from home for long. Towards Christmas it should be possible to combine business and pleasure journeys very pleasantly. Also, strangers and foreigners are likely to take a hand in your affairs more than once this year.

If your work brings you into contact with children or young people or you are naturally fond of youngsters, this may well be a year to remember. Some good fortune materialises through young people—this rather than boys. The next few weeks and again about October should bring fortunate developments.

Although the main pattern of your existence will not alter this year, you will have many happy days in 1950. Social life should be more varied and amusing than it has been and new friends will do all they can to cheer you. If still under 25 and heart-whole, an engagement may materialise towards the end of the year.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11: FOR MOST OF US: Good for most schemes but adverse for family matters and property investments. Better break new ground in business if possible. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Vermillion, 9, Bloodstone.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: This may well prove an outstanding year in your affairs. The year should bring opportunities of making money, completing desired changes, taking up new interests or new work. At the same time, a long standing association comes to an end.

So better face the fact that you may lose an old friend this year or in some way break with the past. But there will be many compensations in personal success that is due in the next few weeks and again towards Christmas. It will be foolish to brood over the past or to try to revive ties that have lapsed.

Financially there is much to hope for in 1950. If in a profession, promotion is likely about August; if in business, your turnover increases and you do well in some entirely new scheme. November and December are likely to be your most prosperous months.

Don't hesitate to travel in 1950 although there is some change of health, suffering a little by the move. But it will be beneficial in the end to get away from your present environment and to contact a new group of people.

Family relationships and links with older people are under difficult strain throughout the year. Also, if you are expecting a legacy, you are likely to be disappointed. But new friendships will bring a great deal of comfort and joy. If you have a chance of engagement or marriage about Christmas time.

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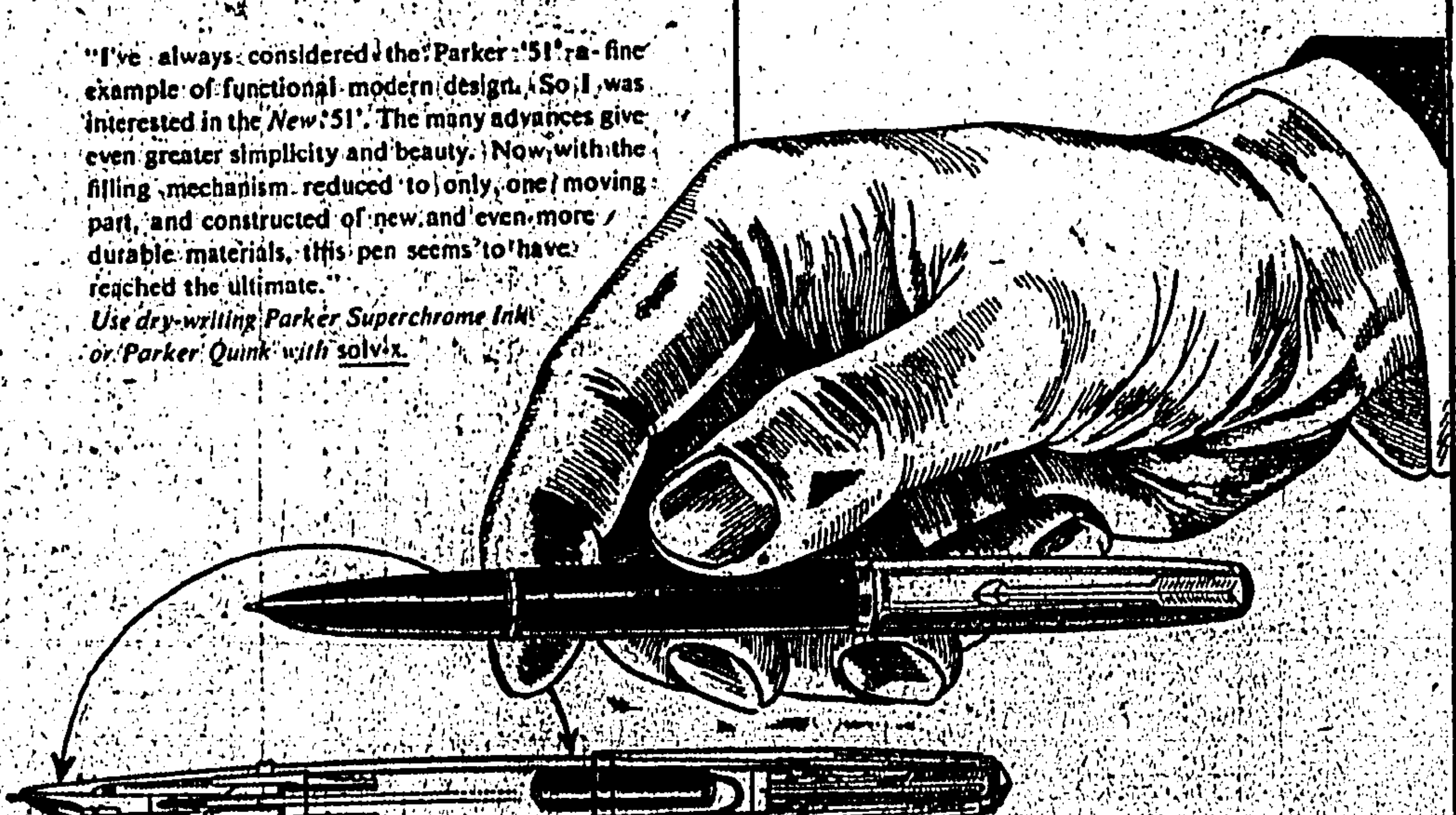
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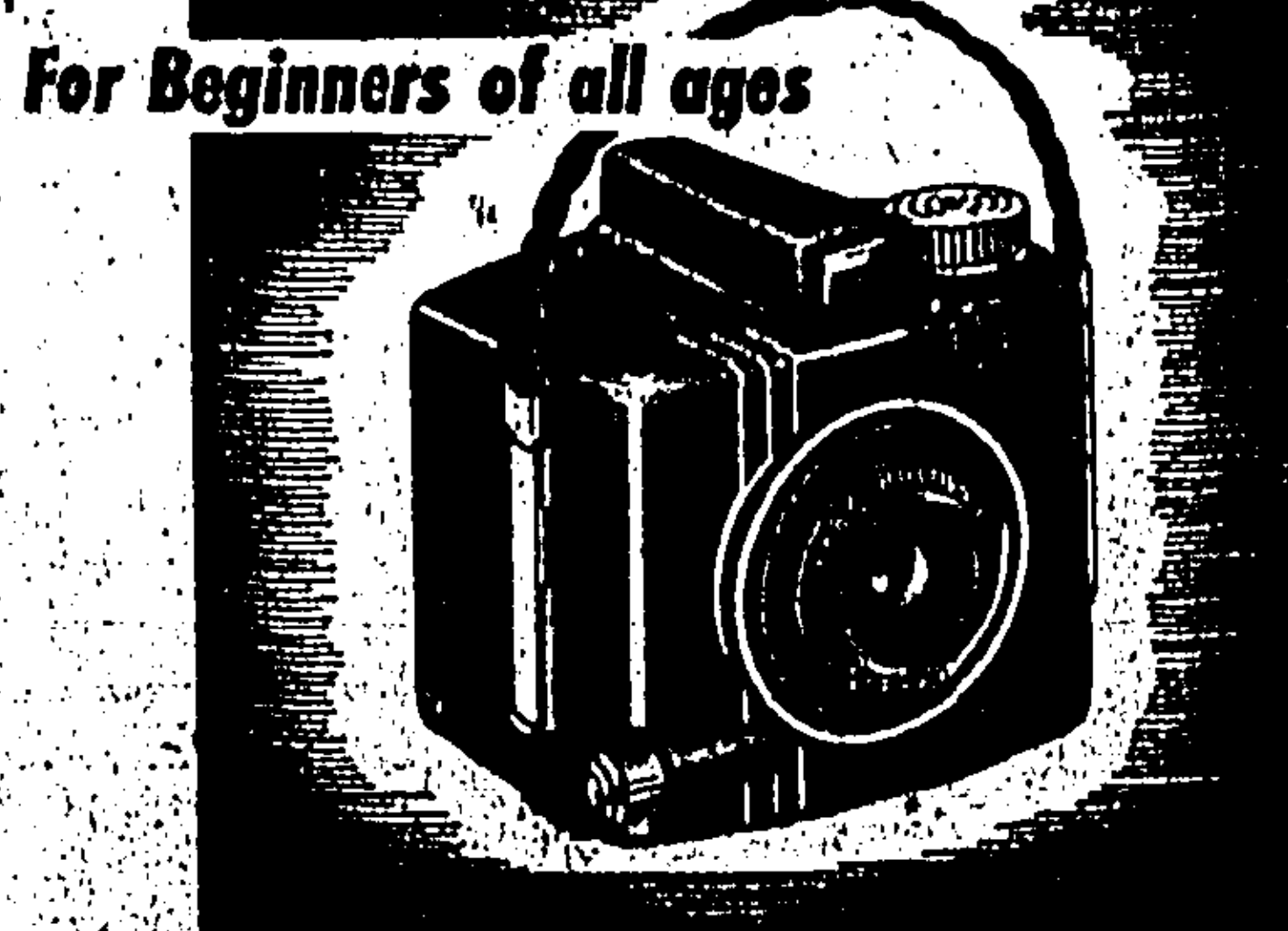
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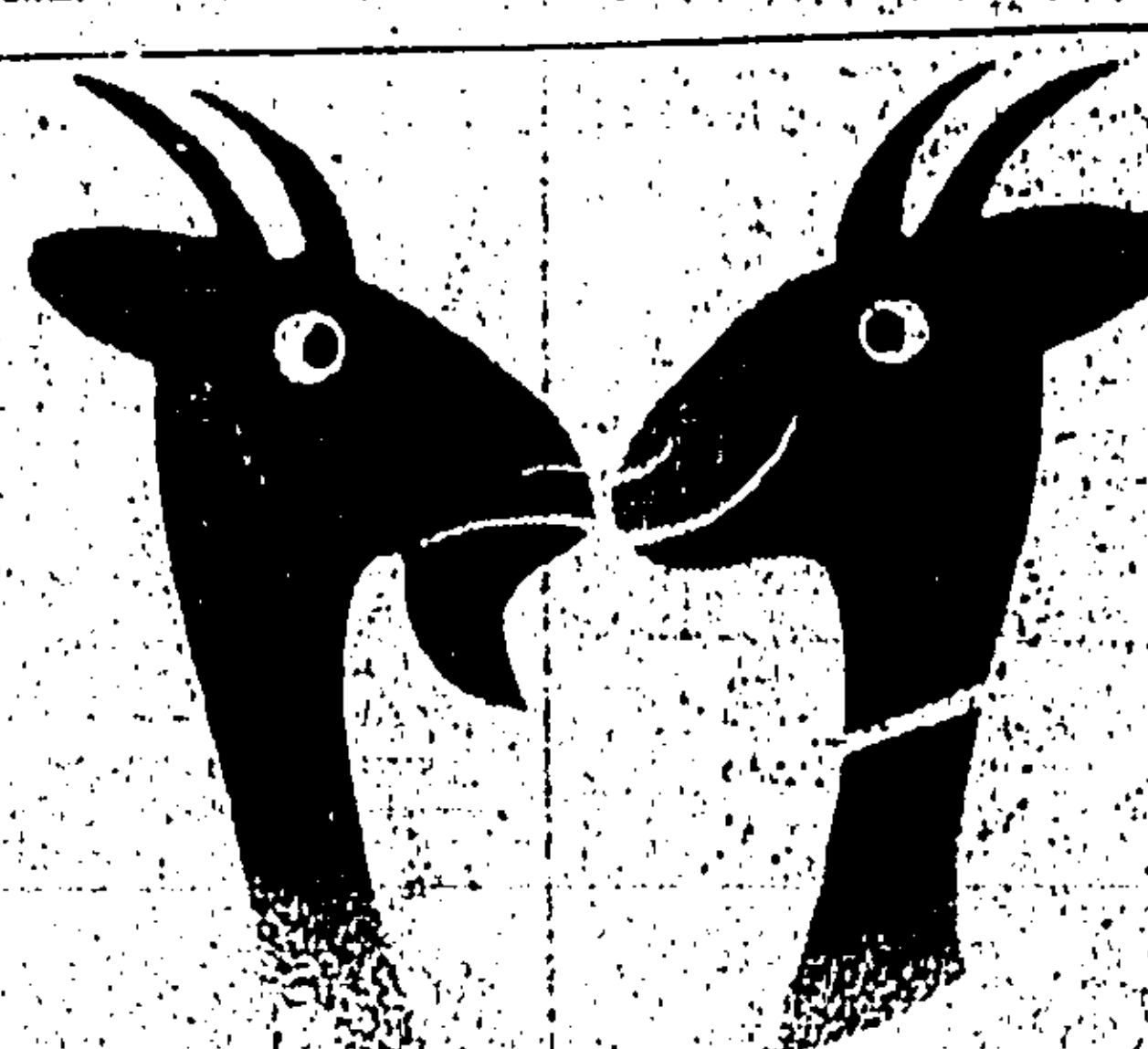


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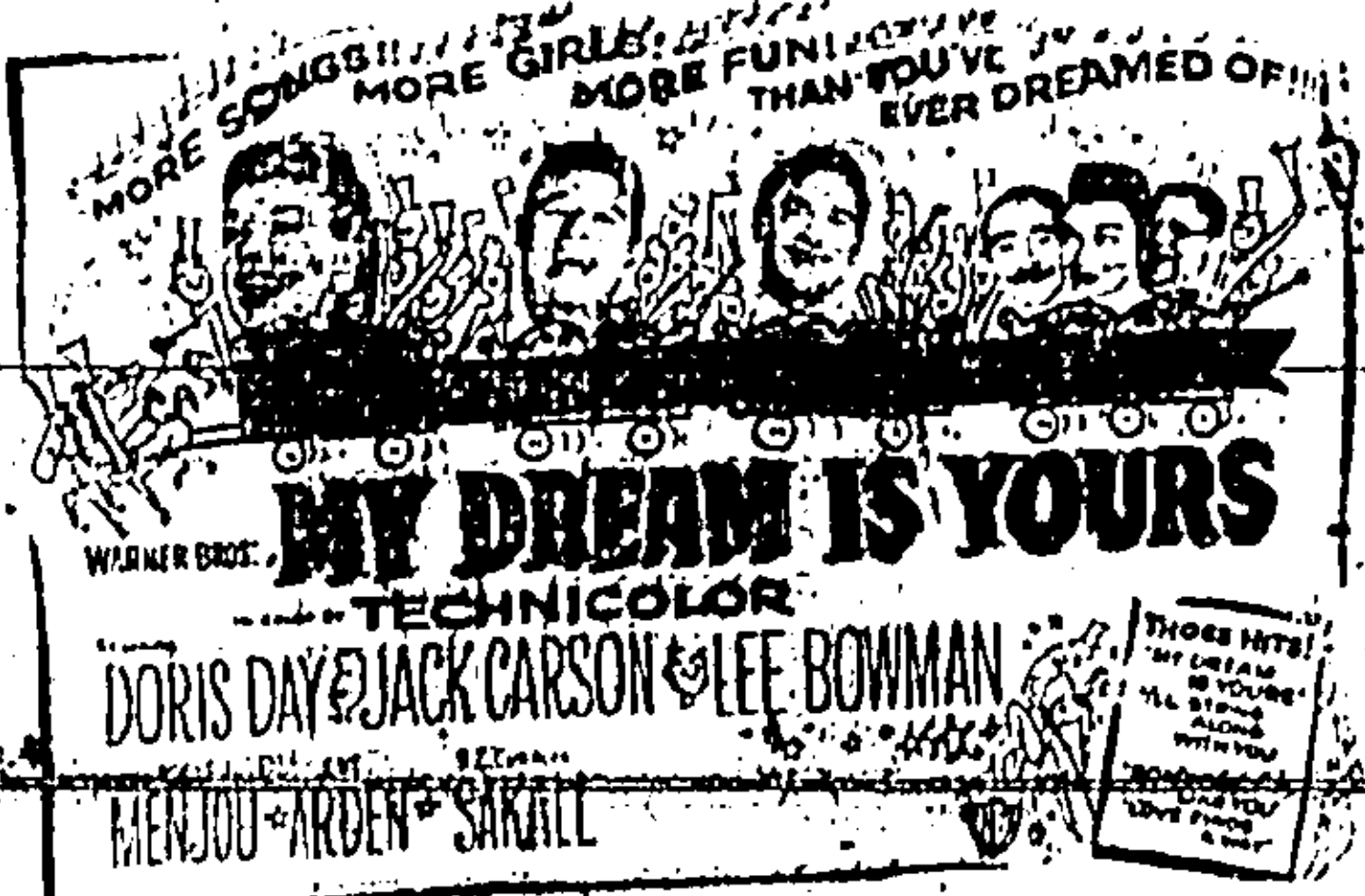
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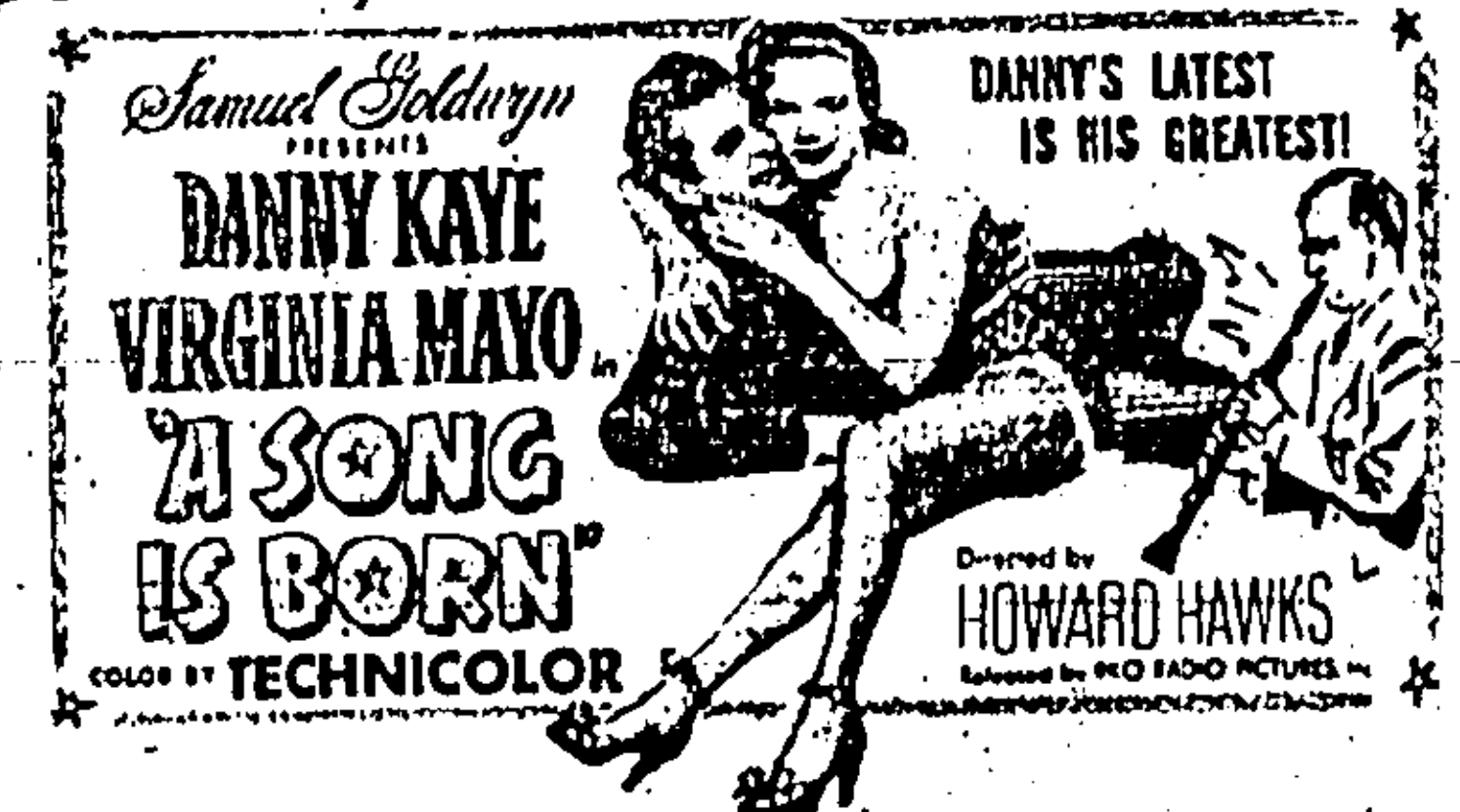
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RUSSIANS STOP ROAD TRAFFIC INTO BERLIN

Helmstedt, February 3.

The Soviet Zone German police announced tonight that inter-zonal road traffic on the Autobahn to Berlin was closed this evening because of icy road conditions on the Soviet side.

British Zone German border police said they did not quite understand the reason as rain had started to fall on the Autobahn a few hours earlier.

A West German police officer said that it remains to be seen whether the ban on traffic is a purely temporary measure or will become a real road blockade.

This is the first time that the Autobahn linking West Germany to West Berlin has been closed since the Berlin blockade was lifted under the Washington agreement.

Allied counter-measures to the "creeping" blockade of Berlin are under (repeated) discussion at Bonn, a British High Commission spokesman announced tonight.

The spokesman added that the British authorities are taking a serious view of the Russian activities.

The announcement, which does not say on what level the discussions are taking place, came shortly after a meeting of the three Deputy High Commissioners—Mr. C. E. Snel (Britain), General George P. Hays (United States) and M. Armand Bernard (France).

Later a senior American spokesman said that the American authorities are keeping in close touch with their Allies on all questions concerning ways of access to Berlin and measures to protect their rights there.

Close secrecy

The British and American statements led observers here tonight to believe that the issue of the creeping blockade is being dealt with by the High Commissioners.

The closest secrecy is being preserved on all sides as to the nature of the counter-measures under discussion.

There were 217 Berlin-bound lorries queued up at the Soviet control point at Helmstedt this afternoon waiting for East German police permission to continue their journey to Berlin, according to reports reaching Bonn.

Many had been there for 30 hours. Supply lorries are reaching Berlin at about six an hour this evening.

The Politbureau of the Soviet Union, Communist Party today recommended that the present traffic restrictions should be continued, despite the threat of Western counter-measures, according to a usually reliable German source tonight.

A report to this effect will be forwarded to the Soviet Control Commission later tonight, the source said.

Effect on Berlin

The Politbureau, the chairman of which is the East German Vice-Premier, Dr. Walter Ulbricht, is reported to have decided that the advantages arising from the present cold blockade out-balance any disadvantages for East Germany likely to result from some form of Western counter-blockade.

The present traffic restrictions are having a serious effect on West Berlin's economy and are preparing the ground for a planned mass propaganda offensive there, soon, Politbureau members hold, according to this report.

A counter-blockade would not decisively affect the East German economy since only a trickle of raw materials and machinery is coming in from Western Germany in any case.

The Politbureau report suggested that any Western counter-measures should be met by a

INGRID BERGMAN'S BABY

Rome, February 3.

Ingrid Bergman's baby will probably be called Roberto, Dr. Pier Luigi Guidotti, who attended at the birth, said today.

At Miss Bergman's bedside almost constantly since the baby was born, Dr. Guidotti has been seen by the Associated Press. He has expressed his wish to marry the Swedish star when she has divorced her husband, Dr. Peter Lindstrom of Hollywood.

Ingrid last saw her husband on May 3 and filed divorce proceedings in Juarez, Mexico, early this week. Dr. Guidotti feels that Miss Bergman's divorce will come through soon and that she and Rosellini will be married immediately afterwards.

Dr. Guidotti told The Associated Press, "They seem very much in love and very happy. They eagerly and happily awaited the birth of the child. Both were delighted it was a boy."

Francesco Diamanti, President of the Villa Santa Margherita Hospital, where the baby was born, told The Associated Press he had been informed that the baby would be baptised soon in the Roman Catholic faith.

He said Rosellini is a Catholic. Bergman is not, but Diamanti said, "It is possible she may embrace Catholicism."

Questioned as to the legal status of the baby, Diamanti said Bergman has 10 days in which to register the birth in Italian civil records.

Under Italian law the child will be regarded as having Italian nationality because it was born here and as the son of Dr. Lindstrom because it was born before Ingrid's divorce.—Associated Press.

SMOKE BOMB IN LONDON CINEMA

London, February 3.

A smoke bomb was set off in a London theatre last night during the showing of 'Swing in the Desert', an American-made film of the fighting in Palestine. Originally it was banned in Britain because critics called it 'anti-British'.

The police arrested a man after the sulphurous smoke caused a panic.—United Press.

U.S. position

Mr. John McCloy, the American High Commissioner in Germany, said in Frankfurt late tonight that the United States Government is firmly resolved to defend its position in Berlin and the Berlin population.

He made this statement a few hours after his return from a 12-day visit to the United States. The British High Commissioner, General Sir Brian Robertson, is leaving Germany tomorrow for a three-week's skiing holiday in Austria.

The holiday had been planned more than a month ago and despite the present tension over Berlin there has been no change in the plans.—Reuter.

DECISION AGAINST SERETSE

London, February 3.

The Cabinet has decided not to allow Seretse Khama, who married Ruth Williams, 24-year-old London typist, to be chieftain of the Bamangwato tribe in Bechuanaland, it was learned from a usually reliable source today.

British Government quarters will neither confirm nor deny the report.

The British High Commissioner in South Africa, Sir Evelyn Baring, is now flying back to Africa and is understood to be taking the Government's decision back with him.

It is understood that the Cabinet at its last meeting discussed the problem of the Bamangwato chieftaincy, after considering the report of the special British inquiry held on Bechuanaland last autumn.

The British Government will also consider its views as soon as it considers such a disclosure in the general interest.

Seretse Khama's marriage to Ruth Williams, a young London typist whom he met while in Britain as an Oxford student, caused fierce controversy among his people.—Reuter.

CZECH ROUND-UP OF OFFICERS

Vienna, February 3.

The Czech Government has arrested all men who serve as officers in Western Allied armies during the war, reliable sources said today.

They were dismissed from the Czech Army shortly after the Communists seized power in 1949.

The refugees said the Government fears that the former officers would become ring leaders in resistance groups.

They added that the only resistance to the Czech Government now being shown is in the form of slow-down and inefficient work in some factories.—Associated Press.

Rediffusion

A.M.
7.00—Up With The Sun.
8.00—News & Weather Report.
8.15—Organist.
8.30—Morning Music.
9.00—Sunday Variety.
10.00—Religious Hour.
10.15—Festival of Lights.
10.30—Church Service.
10.45—Organ Melodies.
P.M.
12.00—The Music of Paris.
12.30—Sports Roundup.
12.45—Lunch Time Music.
1.00—The Great Escape.
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Grenade Incident in Singapore

Singapore, February 3.

Two grenades were thrown into the Singapore Trappist Company's bus depot near the centre of the city tonight. One exploded, damaging two buses, while the other hit a Sikh watchman but did not explode.

Police officers alerted all Singapore, and police soon afterward set up road blocks on all major roads.

The police would not say whether the precautions were connected with the grenade throwing.—Associated Press and Reuter.

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A.M.
10.00—"Song of the Sea"—Programme Summary.

10.15—Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.

10.30—Melodies from British Radio—George Gershwin and His Blue Melodies. Host with Barbara Hunter (BBC).

10.45—The New Concert Orchestra.

11.00—Relay of the Service from St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, Presided by The Rev. J. H. O'Brien, M. A., D. D., E.

11.15—Songs of Scotland.

P.M.
12.00—London Radio Concert—Westminster Orchestra Conducted by Denis Wright. (BBC).

12.15—"Song of the Sea"—Programme Summary.

12.30—Harry Davidson and His Orchestra: "Old Time Dances."

12.45—Ted Heath and His Music—Dance Music and Elton John to Star.

1.00—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.15—Interlude.

1.30—Morning Concert.

2.00—"Take It From Here"—With Joe Nichols, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards. (BBC).

2.15—Jazz Half Hour—"Playing Hot"—Presented by Graham Sneyd. (BBC).

2.30—World News. (London Relay).

2.45—Hospital Requests—Presented by Josephine Grey. (BBC).

3.00—Sports Talk—Presented by Bill Phillips. (BBC).

3.15—Force Four—"Home Requests"—Presented by Jackie Palmer. (BBC).

3.30—Hong Kong Calling—"Programme Summary."

3.45—Songs by Richard Tauber and Evelyn Laye.

4.00—Jazz News-Letter. (London Relay).

4.15—Services Even-Song Conducted by the Rev. T. Robertson, C. F. (BBC).

4.30—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay).

4.45—Looking Ahead—A Review of the Week's Programmes. (BBC).

5.00—Dinner Music.

5.15—"From the Editor's Desk." (London Relay).

5.30—Interlude.

5.45—London Studio Melodies—The Melodious Orchestra. Conducted by George Melachrino, with Sylvia Rhys and Bruce Tyron. (BBC).

6.00—Symphony Concert—Schubert's Symphony No. 5, in B Flat Major. Sir Thomas Beecham. Conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra. Richard Strauss's Concerto for Oboe and Orchestra. Leon Gossett. (BBC).

6.15—Concert—Conducted by Alfred Gollins. Brahms's Variations on a Theme by Haydn—St. Antony Op. 86. Vienna Philharmonic. Sir Gustav Mehta. (BBC).

6.30—Radio News Hour. (London Relay).

6.45—Weather Report.

7.00—Chamber and Voice—An Anthology "Fifth Floor" (BBC).

7.15—The First Direct Choir.

7.30—Helen Hopper and His Orch.

7.45—Weather Report, World News, and Home News from Britain. (London Relay).

8.00—Epilogue. (BBC).

8.15—Close Down.

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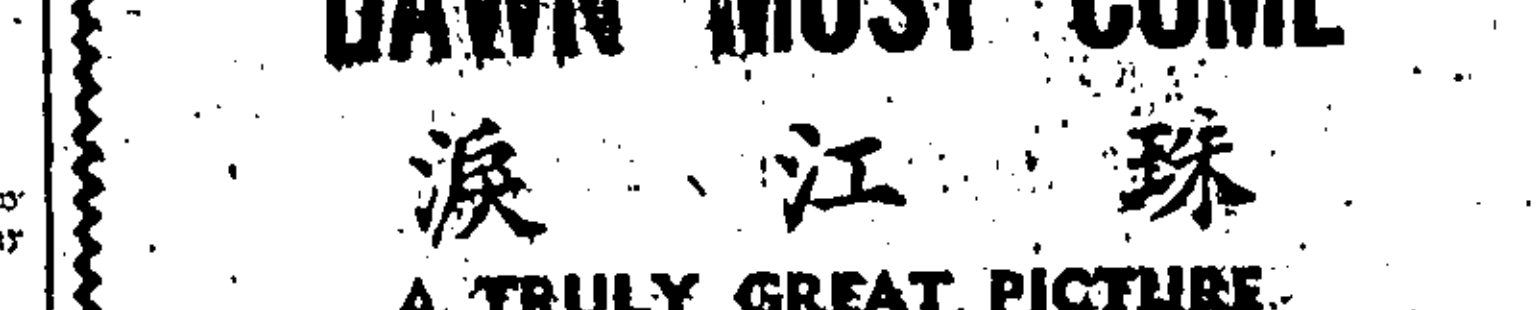
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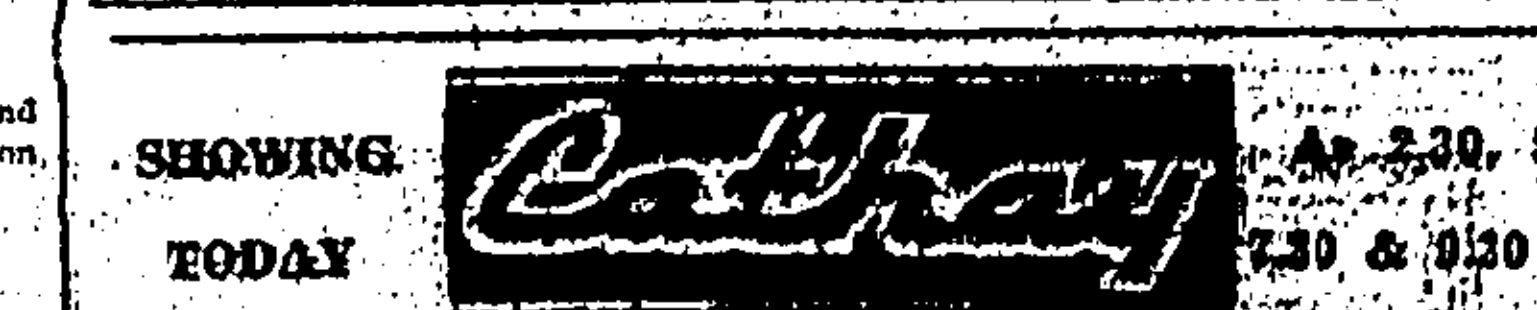
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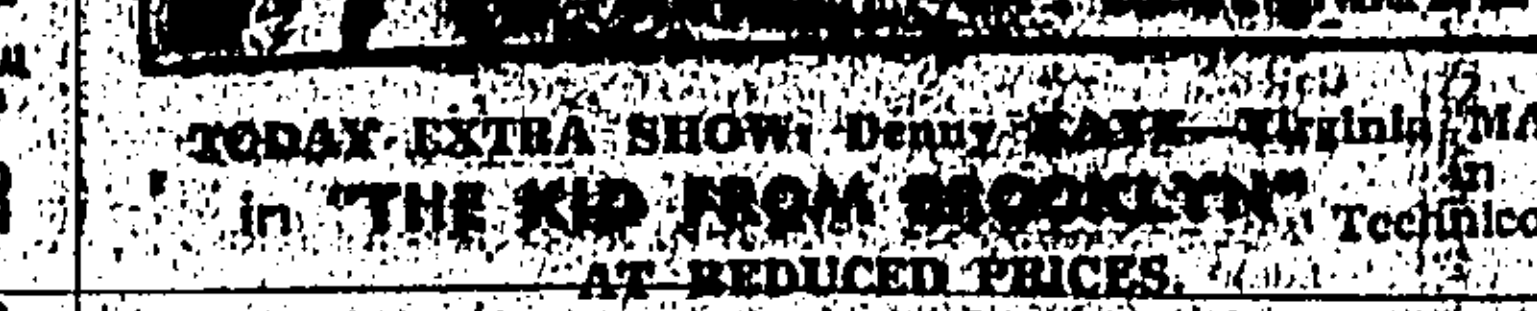
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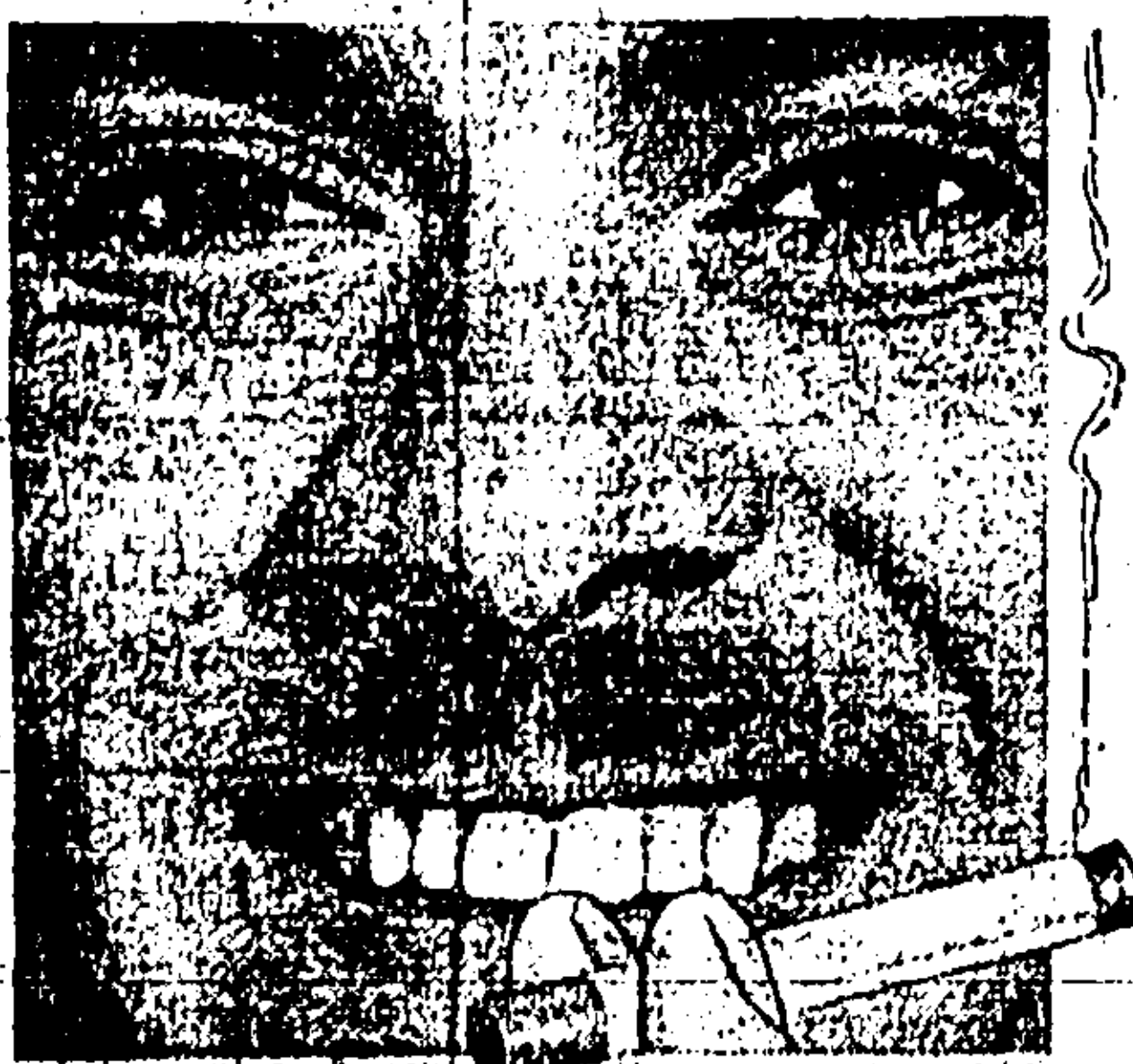
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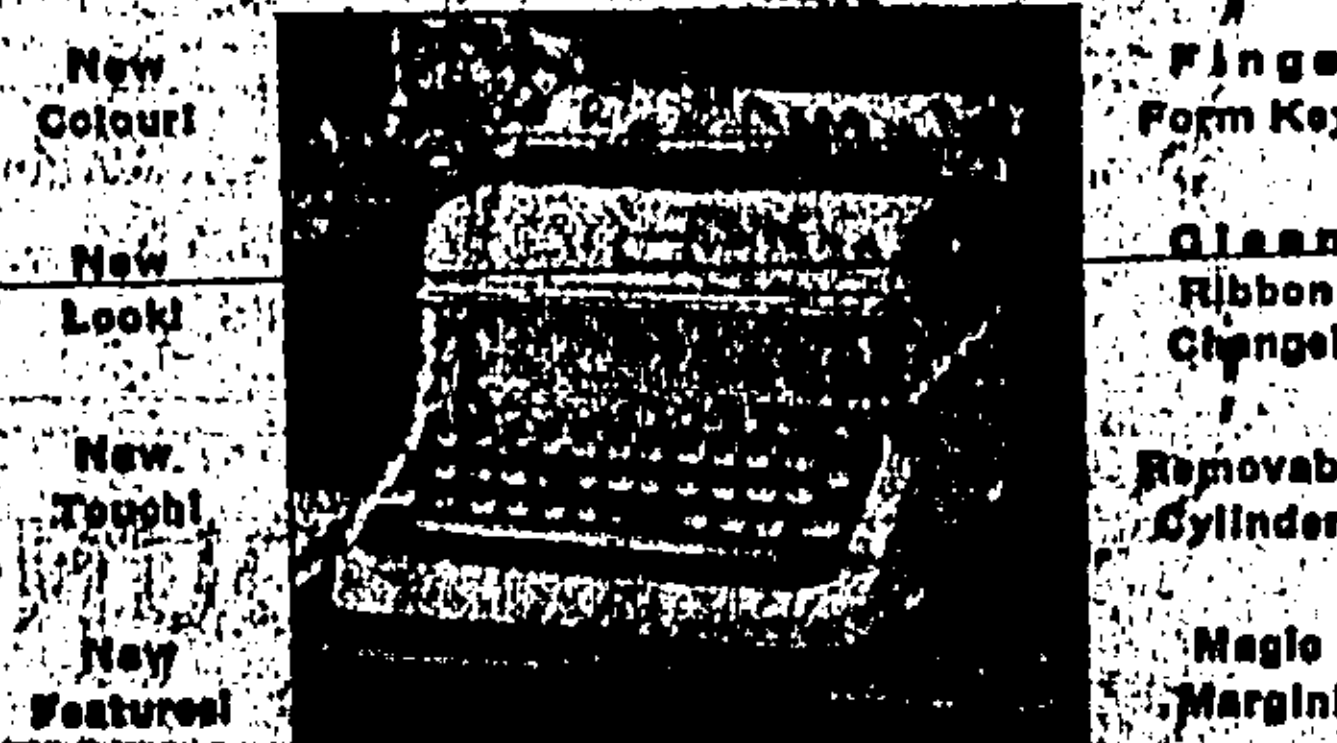
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Patrick Campbell's Piece

A Chicago business man named Janus, busy enough already with the New Deal, the Square Deal, the Raw Deal, the Fair Deal, and the deal that leaves you with three kings against a top straight, suddenly discovered at the beginning of the month that he had inherited four Egyptian dancing girls.

They were a legacy from his uncle, Mr. Z. Aristophanes, who must have lived an interesting life in Cairo.

Mr. Janus is now said to be thinking of importing his inheritance, but says he, "I don't think Mrs. Janus is very keen."

I was alarmed to read this news item, because I too have an uncle who lives in Cairo. I do not believe, for one moment, that he has been as active socially as Mr. P. Z. Aristophanes, but at least, if I could put it this way, a pattern has been drawn.

If you have an uncle who lives in Cairo there is a chance—a remote one, but a chance not without a precedent—that four ladies called Fatima, Natima, Latima, and Hatima may quite easily turn up at your front door.

We are sitting, for instance, in the loggia of this quiet room in arboreal Dicks. The first traces of spring are in the air. It is good to be a householder, at the expense of the building society, in this broad-cold side of the English countryside.

Oh, all right!

Loggia: Open-sided gallery or arcade.

Bee-loud: Loud with the sound of bees; c.f. Yeats, W. B.

Coign: Place affording a view over something.

From our place in a place affording a view over the front onto we suddenly see a dark-brown eye examining us through the laurels. The eye becomes a head, wearing a silk scarf tied tightly under the chin.

"Excuse, please, offend, is there the house of Pasha Campbell?"

I rise to my feet, at a loss. "Yes—yes, it is..."

The head becomes a person, wearing, in addition to the scarf, a brown tweed overcoat (January safes).

"Excuse, please, offend, I Fatima. These Natima—and Latima—and Hatima." They pop up like rabbits in a shooting booth.

There is something disquietingly intimate in their approach.

Already I feel the shadow of some personal responsibility. Fatima touches a hand to her forehead. "Excuse, please, Pasha Uncle, at rest in Paradise, bequeath all us to you." They press forward, smiling eagerly. Average age—17.

I back away. "Charming, charming indeed. But how? Where? what does it all mean?"

Fatima and the others put down their suitcases. "We dare not," says Fatima, "wait for you." Vain smiling. We dance for you.

Suddenly they put their hands behind their heads and go into a dance, making full play with the hips.

They provide an unusual spectacle, dancing in a quiet garden in arboreal Dicks.

"Well," I tell them, "that's very nice. Very nice indeed. I



—do all of you speak English? I have difficulty in devising subjects for discussion.

"On yes, please," says Fatima. "We speak your good, Natima!"

Natima makes the gesture of obedience, hand to forehead. "On yes, please," says Natima. "I speak your good, Joe! MacGregor! Vair good!"

Latima and Hatima then ooze with their contributions. Hatima's caresses Mrs. Pasha Campbell to rise to her feet.

"We'll certainly have none of that!" says Mrs. Pasha. Several birds drop dead off a tree. "A train," says Mrs. Pasha, "will be returning to London at once."

A frightful lamentation immediately arises from the four ladies. They rush to Mr. Pasha and seize his hands, his feet, and anything else they can lay hold of.

Pasha Campbell shakes them off. "Puck it up, girls!" cries Pasha Campbell. "Lay off! Lay down!"

The four ladies do so without hesitation. They beat their heads on the gravel.

"All right," says Mrs. Pasha, always sensitive to human suffering, "they can stay the night."

And go back first thing in the morning.

A week later Fatima, Natima, Latima, and Hatima have settled in. They are living in a tent in the spare room and eating dates. They are quiet guests, and, having their own dates, make no demands on the household economy.

But the trouble is they don't do anything. Except dance. And at Pasha Campbell's feet, gazing at him adoringly and handing him gin, cigarettes, slippers, book, cushions, matches, and the evening paper.

Mrs. Pasha, having ostentatiously opened all the windows, sits in the far corner with her arms folded, looking straight ahead.

By the end of another week Pasha Campbell is nearly mad. They have taken to carrying him about the house in a litter. It is impossible to avoid their gentle doctored importunities. And Natima's constantly reiterated, "Baka! Baka! Joe! MacGregor—vair good!" becoming increasingly irritating.

Also, we cannot go out, or have people in. Mrs. Pasha refuses to leave her child alone with them, presenting, as a reason, an unfounded apprehension about the Curse of Tutankhamen. We cannot have people in, because no one will come. Colonel and Mrs. Rostrevor did accept one invitation to co-tee, and sat in rigid silence as Fatima, Natima, Latima and Hatima appeared and made full play with the hips for an hour and a half. Fatima singing continuously on one note and beating a brass tray.

Pasha Campbell thought it best not to become involved in the intricacies of the legacy, doubting he would be believed, and said they were "just friends."

As the Colonel and his lady left Rostrevor nailed Pasha Campbell in the hall. "Take a word of advice from an older man," he said, "play square with the membership." Pasha Campbell nearly kicked Colonel Rostrevor in the teeth.

The breaking point comes at last. Fatima, Natima, Latima, and Hatima force their way into the bathroom and anoint Pasha Campbell with aromatic oils. They then carry him, screaming, to bed, and contrive a mosquito net out of their apparel.

The following evening Pasha Campbell comes home with a brown-paper parcel. He opens it carefully and shows—ahumane killer.

Mrs. Pasha closes her eyes. Then she says, "Upstairs. Try not to wake the child."

It is over quickly. The ladies do not question the Pasha's right. "Kismet!" they murmur, and the Pasha relaxes. He is busy far into the night with shovel and hurricane lamp in the vegetable patch.

Dear Uncle—When the time comes—and it must come to us all—please, if you don't mind my presumption, please just leave me your punkah, and a couple of prayer mats. Nothing else.

It would be almost impossible to explain to the gardener why we were not going to plant any vegetables this spring.



India's policy of neutrality

New Delhi, February 3.

The Prime Minister of India, Pandit Nehru, told the new Indian Parliament today that her policy of non-alignment with power blocs is aimed at preventing the catastrophe of a third world war.

He is convinced that India's association with the Commonwealth countries is to her advantage. India's attitude towards Pakistan, he declared, must be restrained, moderate and friendly.

He was frequently interrupted and cheered as he made his points. Members had often said, he declared, that Pakistan had not followed a straight policy, but added, amid applause, that "whatever policy Pakistan may follow we should not follow a crooked policy," when a Member interrupted that no-one in the House had suggested the adoption of such a policy by India.

Pandit Nehru replied heatedly that there are people and organizations outside the House, like Hindu Mahasabha, who had made such suggestions. Such suggestions, he added, had come out of crooked minds.—Reuter.

What the CHINESE PRESS is saying

Tramways incident

TA KUNG PAO: It is very fortunate that the clash between the Tramway workers and the Police ended on the spot and did not spread.

The incident is unprecedented in the history of Hong Kong and rare in modern cities.

Blame for the incident must be borne by the Hong Kong Government. It failed to "intervene in the dispute, but used the Police to deal with it. By allowing a public utility to be disrupted for more than a month, the Government has failed in duty to the general public.

Blame must also be borne by the Tramways Company, because of its stubborn attitude in refusing to consider the inconvenience caused to the general public and by ignoring the welfare of the workers.

In fact, we are of the opinion that the Company must bear the major share of the blame. There is a Chinese saying: "The only qualified person to untie a knot is the person who originally tied it up."

SING TAO JIH PAO: The Russell Street Incident—the clash between the Police and the Tramway workers—is naturally a result of accumulated hard feelings consequent on the prolongation of the dispute. Had the compromise been reached earlier, the incident would not have occurred. The dispute should have been solved long ago.

Labour strife has not been uncommon since the end of the war. In Hong Kong, however, this is the first time that serious proportion.

The workers have held meetings constantly since the beginning of the dispute without incident except on Monday night. This in fact points to the leaders on the parts of both the workers and the authorities.

The interest of the Colony's security, law and order, and the interest of the Colony's economy.

The Daily Sun has also pointed out that the workers have been in agreement with their workers. It also has the advantage of China's best companies. It also

Foreign domination

NEW LIFE EVENING POST: No nation relishes the idea of being made subject to a foreign nation. The Chinese people are no exception. And, any political party in power that puts the nation under the control of a foreign nation is doomed to collapse.

The Kuomintang made the same mistake by surrendering the Chinese nation's rights to the Soviet Union in Outer Mongolia and in Manchuria. This, coupled with despotism and corruption, has been one of the prime causes of the collapse of the Kuomintang Government.

It resulted in a considerably adverse effect on the prestige of the Chinese nation.

There have been unconfirmed reports that the Soviet Union is seeking control of seven key port cities in China. These reports may not be true. However, Manchuria today is too closely associated with the Soviet Union which obviously is planning to make Manchuria a Soviet colony.

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Separate peace

WEN WEI PAO: The United States is once again agitating for a "separate peace" with Japan. This, however, is just a further plot by the imperialists to convert Japan into an American colony.

Should the United States be permitted to make a peace treaty with Japan independent of the other allied nations, it would give her a free hand to acquiring military bases in the Pacific for aggressive campaigns.

A separate peace treaty with Japan by the United States would also furnish a "separate" school for the Philippines.

We warn the imperialists that the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China will not tolerate any aggressive plans of the United States.

The People's Republic of China has declared that all Occupation Forces should be withdrawn from Japan within a year following the signing of the peace treaty.

The People's Democratic Front will uphold and adhere to the principles and letter of the Declaration regardless of the cost.

CHUNG KWA PAO: The forthcoming Bangkok Conference of the United Nations will be a landmark event in the history of the world.

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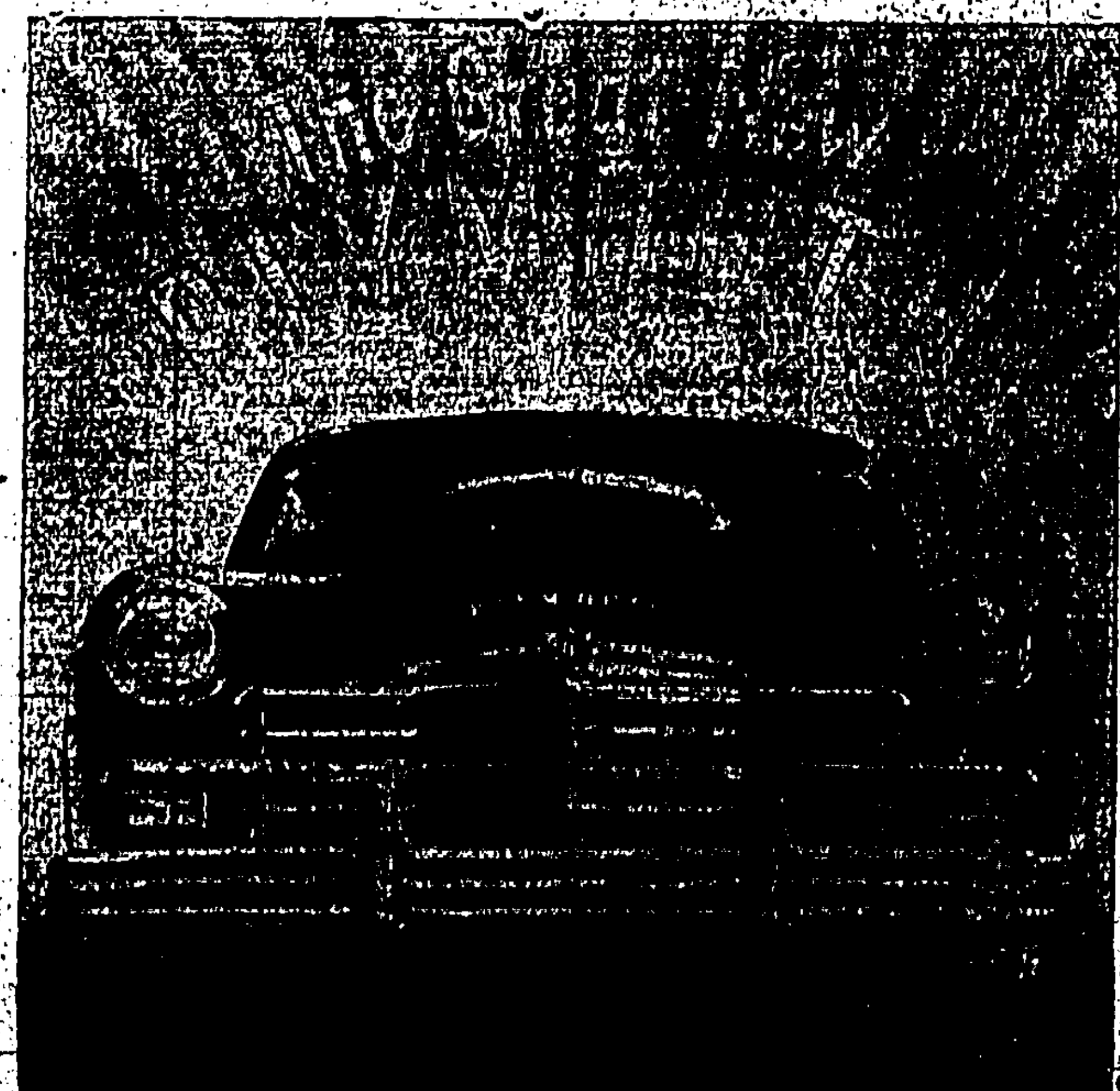
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ELECTION CAMPAIGN GAINING MOMENTUM

London, February 3.

With the King's proclamation dissolving Parliament today over 1,700 candidates in 625 constituencies throughout Britain geared up their election machinery to woo the 34,000,000 voters in the country.

The elector has 19 days — till February 23 — to make up his mind who will represent him in Parliament for the next five years.

Socialists and Conservatives — the principal contenders for power — are facing each other in nearly all the 625 constituencies. The Liberals are putting up 400 candidates while the Communists have a record contingent of 100.

In the field, too, are a number of Independents with labels ranging from Labour Independents to Irish Anti-Parliamentaries. For the next three weeks meetings, radio appeals, loudspeaker rosters and other means of electioneering except processions can be employed in the fight for five-year control of the nation's destinies.

The General Election will decide public rejection or continuing acceptance of Labour's concept of "the Socialist Welfare State." The campaign will extend throughout England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Northern Ireland will send 12 members to the British Parliament.

Labour polled nearly 12,000,000 votes in 1945, the Conservatives 8,665,000 votes and "National" Liberals, who are the allies of the Conservatives, 750,000 votes. The Liberals polled 2,230,000 votes, the Communists 102,780.

The original strength of the principal parties after the 1911 election was: Labour 20 per cent, Conservatives 16 per cent, "National" Liberals 13 per cent.

Labour rebel's manifesto

First on the job today with a printed election address was Mr. Kenneth Zilliacus, the foreign policy rebel who was expelled from the Labour Party last year, now standing as a Labour Independent in his present constituency, Gateshead.

Mr. Zilliacus' manifesto is supported by a special message from Mr. George Bernard Shaw.

Mr. Zilliacus told an election rally at Gateshead:

"I welcome with all my heart the brave and large-minded proposal made by Senator McMahon, Chairman of the U.S. Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, and I hope that the British people will seize the golden opportunity of

the general election to insist that those who solicit their votes will come out on the side of Senator McMahon and the force, unity and courage for which he spoke."

Mr. Zilliacus is opposed both by Labour and Conservative candidates.

Attlee confident

Asked today what he believed in the coming issue, the General Election, Mr. Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, said, "Full employment."

"The people will compare life in the past four and a half years with life before the war," he continued.

"They will compare the records of the two major parties in maintaining employment and their policies for maintaining it in future."

"Labour will hand down both on its record and its future policy. Therefore, Labour will win the Election."

Mr. Attlee said that he was "greatly struck by the political maturity of our people today" and that although "there is much more enlightenment among the Tories than there used to be, the hard core of their Party still represents the interests."

Aked whether Mr. Winston Churchill, the Conservative leader, is "an enlightened Tory or on the hard core," Mr. Attlee answered, "He (Mr. Churchill) has a great five years during this war and because of that his place in history will always be very high."

"But since the war he has floundered about in a trade fashion and the reason is that he has not really applied his mind to current economic problems of peace-time."

Living in post

"In his (Mr. Churchill's) attitude to Commonwealth affairs," he lives in, the past," Mr. Attlee continued.

"His is the sort of mind which still regards Dominions as colonies and colonies as dependencies."

"Remember how bitterly he fought against the liberating of India. I do not think that he has

ever accepted the conception of a democratic world of states. "I am afraid that Mr. Churchill is one of the hard core."

The Prime Minister claimed according to the editor of the Labour "Daily Herald" who interviewed him, that Labour had carried out far greater extensions of freedom in the Commonwealth than the Liberals had ever done when they had power.

The Liberals, he also said, have no real policy.

Mr. Attlee was further quoted as saying that Communism is not an "adult" philosophy.

Eden's speech

Tonight the number two men of the two big parties carried their plans to industrial areas.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Mr. Churchill's Deputy, in the dead House of Commons, urged the Conservative way of life at a meeting at St. George's Hall in Liverpool.

Mr. Eden said Socialist Ministers "exhort our export industries to greater and greater efforts and at the same time pile on an ever-increasing burden of taxation."

"They crack the whip, they shout encouragement, but they are cumbersome passengers as they add to the load," Mr. Eden said.

"It might be better if they go off and walked themselves."

Mr. Eden said the Conservatives would halt nationalisation of industry and reduce taxation to put more industry under public ownership.

Now, Mr. Eden said, 80 per cent of our industry is still free enterprise and upon that 80 per cent lies virtually the whole responsibility for carrying through this export drive to success.

Mr. Eden said unless British "prices are competitive when the Marshall aid comes to an end, no amount of eloquence will sell our goods."

Morrison's claims

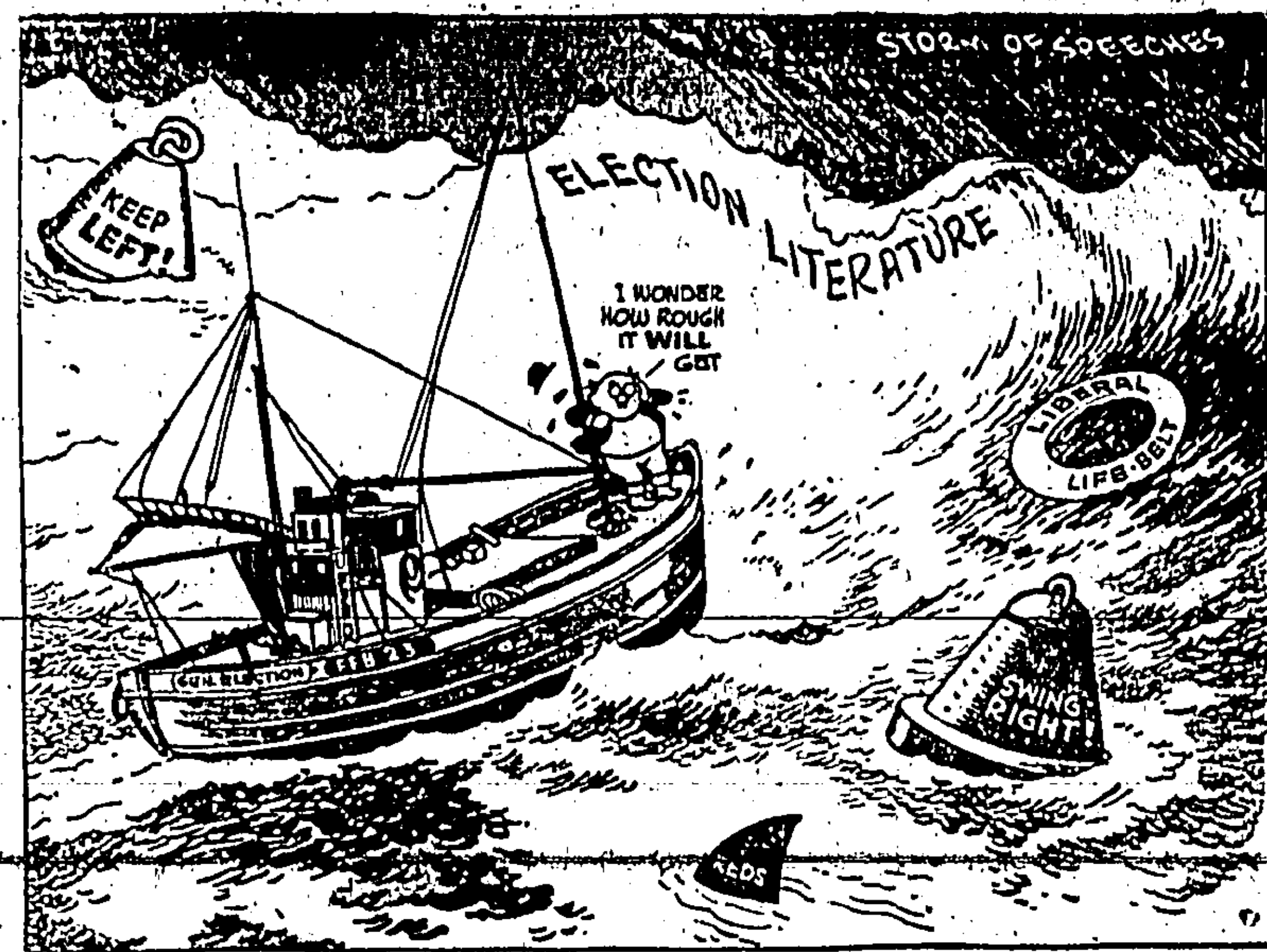
At Pusey, in the textile industrial area, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Socialist Deputy Prime Minister, claimed the Labour Government had "rebuilt our export trade" merely to the 1938 level but had as high again in volume.

"We have built or reconstructed large numbers of houses, power stations, factories, schools, laboratories and other essential construction," said Mr. Morrison.

Mr. Morrison said runaway inflation was averted "by restraint" over personal incomes, profits and prices in spite of the inflationary pressure from accumulated wartime spending power and "from shortages of supplies."

Mr. Churchill, in making his first public speech at Leeds, the centre of the same area, on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Morrison also will appear from Leeds, on Saturday, night the Labour Party's review of campaign broadcasts.—Reuter and Associated Press.



The H-bomb as talking point in Election

London, February 3.

The hydrogen bomb was seized on as a British General Election talking point in a statement issued today by the small Independent Labour Party, from which the main Labour movement originally sprang.

The ILP, which will have only a small number of candidates in the fight, issued, in North West England, a statement entitled "The Hydrogen Bomb Overhangs the Elections."

But the statement made no other mention of the hydrogen bomb.

"It said, among other things, 'We are certainly going to denounce and oppose any attempt to embroil us in a war against the Russian working class.'

"An atomic war would be hell on earth, and this little island would be a sitting target, right in the firing line between America and Russia, if we were stupid enough to take part. The ILP stands for neutrality."—Reuter.

BRITAIN KNEW ABOUT H-BOMB

Manchester, February 3.

Sir William Astor, head of the Atomic Section of the Department of Scientific Research from 1941 to 1946, today said that Britain had known about the hydrogen bomb for a long time.

"There was no need for an American Senator to make details of the bomb known to the world recently. We already knew the theory of the bomb."—Reuter.

Taiwan keeping nervous watch on two fronts

Taipei, February 3.

The Nationalist government is watching nervously but confidently for a double-barrelled shooting and political assault on the fronts, ranging from here to Moscow to Washington and back again.

The shooting war watch is being kept on the China mainland from where came the first indication that the Communists were boarding junk fleets, and on Indo-China.

It is firmly believed here that General Lin Piao's men have already taken up positions beside Ho Chi-minh's Vietnam troops.

Taiwan expects at any moment a Soviet formal announcement of treaties signed between the Kremlin and Mao Tse-tung.

The watch on Washington is being kept not only on the progress of the \$28,000,000 which the Congress approved but also on the still unanswered request that President Truman give China the \$75,000,000 fund which he can use at any place in the "general area of China."

Shooting war comes first in Taiwan's worry chart. It is not a question of if, but when. There is none in high quarters who believes that the Communists will by-pass Taiwan in favour of expanding their continental grip in other parts of Asia. Some will admit that such a campaign may cause an overhauling of an expected assault on Hainan and Taiwan.

However, nobody has been found yet in or out of Chinese circles — who foresees that the Communists are making an invasion attempt on Taiwan within six months. They point to the map and say, "There's Hainan. They must take it first. There's Tientsin. They can't get far with our forces still there. There's Kingmen. And Taiwan."

Mao's Mission in Moscow

Mao Tse-tung's long stay in Moscow is no mystery to men here who know him better than Stalin.

The Premier, Yen Hsi-shan, who headed the second military area during the last war, had under him Mao who commanded the Eighth Army.

The Premier sees Mao's Moscow troubles as a futile attempt to wriggle out of a position in which he has already been forced to take orders from the Kremlin.

MOBILISATION IN TIBET

New York, February 3.

Mr. Lowell Thomas, the radio news commentator, has reported that Tibet is hurriedly mobilising 100,000 troops against a possible invasion by Chinese Communists.

At present Tibet has only 10,000 troops, armed with obsolete weapons, he wrote in Collier's Magazine.

Mr. Thomas, who visited Tibet last year, said a conquest of Tibet by the Chinese Communists would give them access to Tibet's mineral wealth, possibly uranium.—Reuter.

NEHRU VISIT TO INDONESIA

New Delhi, February 3.

The Indian Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, invited to Indonesia by President Soekarno, will probably visit the US in June or July for about a week.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said in New Delhi today.—Associated Press.

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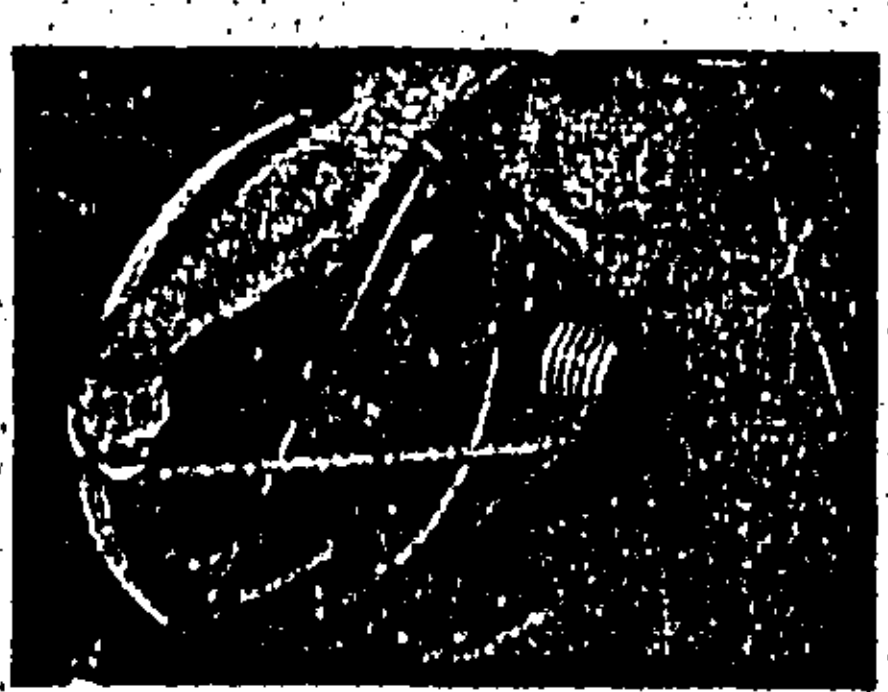
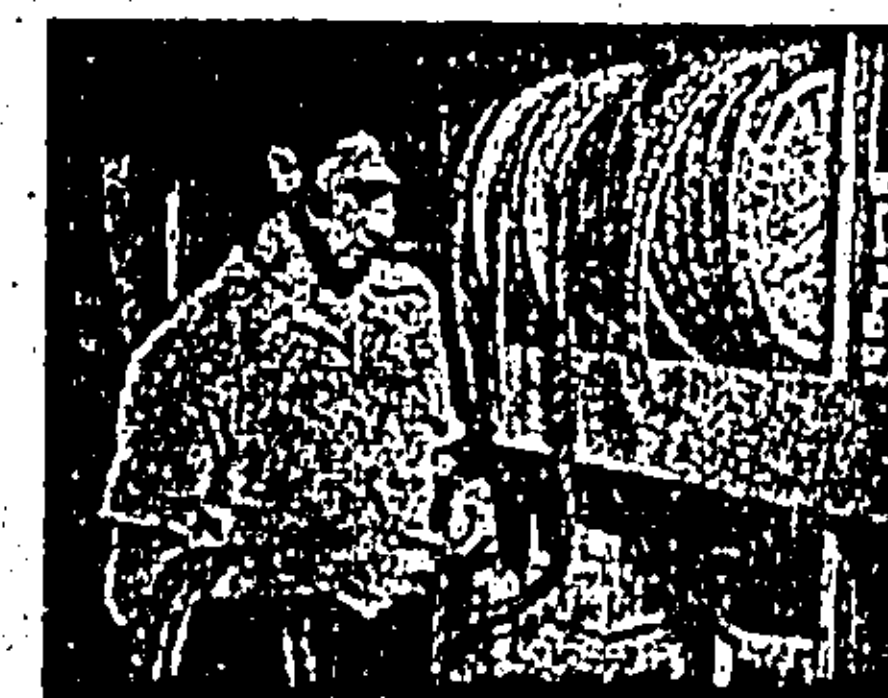
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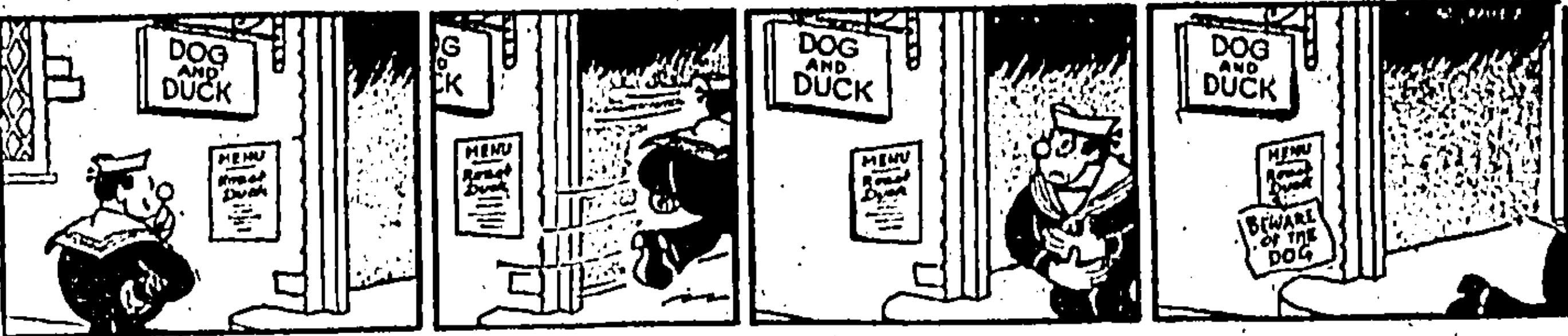


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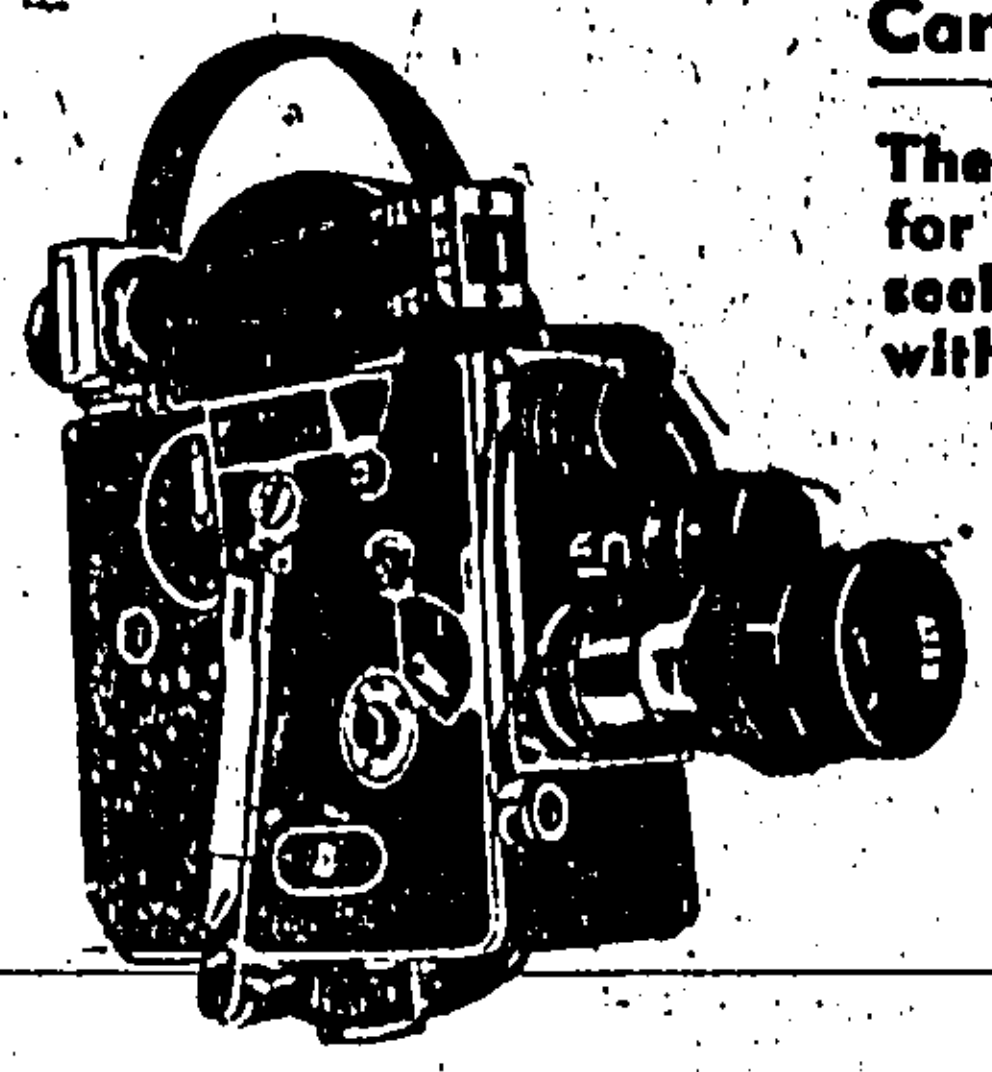
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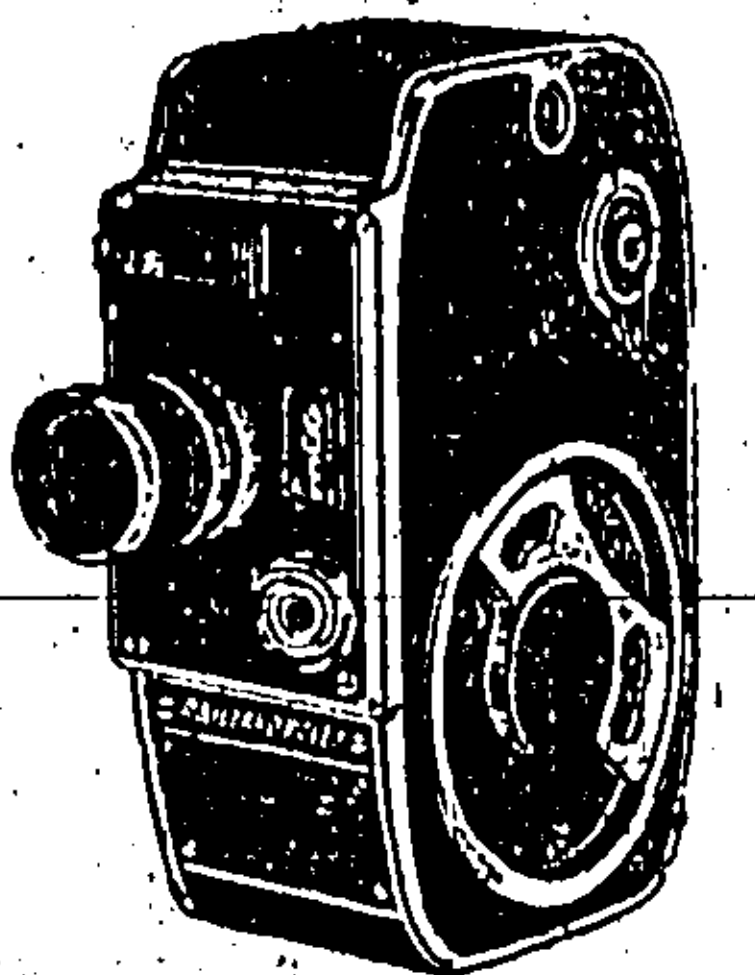
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Your life and Mine

by IRIS ASHLEY

There is a certain fascination in the thought that for the next few weeks we women in Britain are going to be terribly popular. We are about to be fawned on by those who are—or who wish to be—in authority as we were during the war.

Do you remember how wonderful we housewives were every time we had to face another cut in the ration?

Nice-looking, clever, men and women, who normally wouldn't know us from a bar of soap are going to beam at us; they are going to summon up every appearance of dazed admiration for our quite ordinary children.

Hard to assess

Merely a wider understanding of the laws of hygiene will generally prevent poor Junior from being kissed.

Just how much effect all this good will has on the vote is hard to assess, but there is certainly something in it or they wouldn't work so earnestly at it.

I also have a nasty conviction that if somebody tall and beautiful—like Mr. Gregory Peck, for instance—were to stand for Parliament he would get a terrible lot of votes from ladies who neither knew nor cared which side he was on.

If there are any candidates approaching Mr. Peck's standard of appearance this thought ought to cheer them up a good deal.

However, before all the more ordinary-looking types head straight for the river... hold everything! A great many women do not like very handsome men.

Men women like

Men women like in our domestic history it might be quite helpful to male candidates to have a dim idea of the type of man women really like.

Nobody would suggest that women expect to like a man enough to marry him before they will vote for him. But, after all, they are entrusted with him with their future, and not so remotely either, so they'd be absolute fools to give their vote to a man they couldn't like or trust. (Women voters for women are liable to do so on plain political opinion, and are not under discussion at the moment.)

A rather embittered New York psychologist recently remarked that he suspected the only ideal complement to a woman's emotional needs would be a husband on a level, a friend and a son.

What, no more? Aside from the moral values, the poor woman not so often. (Mr. Peck is already happily married, so leave him out of this, will you?)

A good-looking man is liable to have traded on the fact all his life. He seldom seems to have much humour. He is likely to attract other women, and it's hard for a wife to judge the extent of his reactions.

Film pointers

And then nine times out of 10 he clearly admires himself so much that it seems sheer waste to add to his appreciation. A man who is pleasant-looking but not every woman's cup of tea is much more attractive.

Just a matter of interest: Casanova was no oil painting—he was a very ugly man. And then look at the extraordinary success recently of the film actor Paul Douglas (remember "A Letter to Three Wives"?)

Both sides of the Atlantic women of all ages have fallen for this middle-aged man with a paunch and a face which is just a face. But I think it is all summed up best by recalling William Powell in "The Thin Man" films.

There was a man, bug-eyed, slight of chin, and with no lion's mane for hair. A fellow with the outward-seeming physique of a drinking straw. The more nature-minded females in the audience loved him simply because he was representing the kind of husband any woman would like to possess.

He was human, and he was fun. He didn't especially long to get his neck broken, but was enough of a man to risk it at times. He kept his head in a tight corner.

SECRET POLICE THREAT

There is not much doubt that the news which had been most eagerly awaited and which was, on its arrival, most closely studied by politicians of all parties last week was the result of the latest Gallup poll.

In 1945 this opinion survey was conducted by the Gallup polls, which were then rather foolishly pool-pooled or ignored by Tory officials.

It is true that its reputation together with that of all other polls, straw votes, and surveys, took something of a nose-dive after President Truman's surprise victory in 1948, but this serious lapse was more or less convincingly explained by the failure on that occasion to keep to the Gallup until the eye of the poll.

Excessive optimism

The latest result was important because of its being the first to be drawn from a survey taken since the date of the election was announced. And this therefore lent special significance to the fall in the Conservative lead in popularity over Labour from 10 per cent reported some weeks ago to a scant 2½ per cent now.

Secret polls by Transport House are thought to have added up to a very similar forecast. Meanwhile the Tory Central Office has been very secretive about its own investigations, which are unlikely at the present juncture to give promise of anything like the 60-seat majority which it claimed to have in the bag a month or two back.

All this will help to exclude any feelings of excessive certainty or optimism in most political leaders. If any are expressed it will only be perfunctorily to encourage the rank-and-file party men whose hard, electioneering work is required in the business of netting the floating vote, on whose unpredictable whim all is now seen to depend.

The radio broadcast is certainly the means best suited to reach the many millions of voters who will be drawn to the polls on the day the election is held, and probably more votes depend on its skillful use than on all the other skillful tricks that ingenuity can devise and election expenses pay for.

The Labour Party has drawn up its list of speakers with some care and has relegated its "blood and thunder" orators to the comparative obscurity of the ordinary public platforms.

The Tory choice of a team for attack by radio scarcely seems inspired, but it does contain at least three broadcasters who can be very good on their good days.

The 1945 speech

The worst part of Mr. Churchill's broadcast in 1945 was not that he said that Mr. Attlee would start a Gestapo, for he said nothing of the kind—but that so many people should have assumed

ed from the general tone of the broadcast—that that was what he had said.

What Mr. Churchill said was that you could not have a fully Socialist State without some sort of Gestapo. Russia is a fully Socialist State and it is ruled by a secret police which makes the Gestapo look like the Salvation Army.

It is not a fully Socialist State but is, on the contrary, dependent for her existence on the free economic life which represents more than three-quarters of her industry.

The partial Socialisation of Socialist planning over part of our life has brought with it controls over our freedoms as citizens which all find irksome and many find dangerous.

Obviously, if there is to be a further dose of Socialism there will have to be a further dose of controls and regulations which could be found to be only enforced by means of informers and secret police.

Sir Stafford Cripps has warned of the Development Council, the new all-purpose Socialist weapon. There is nothing which could not fall to the grasping hand of the party which the Labour Party might not claim to have secured a mandate from his profoundly dishonest document.

Taking the credit

But this so-called doctrine of the mandate, based on the now accepted principle of one vote for one head (however empty), is fast becoming a menace to our parliamentary democracy, for nobody will protest that more than a small percentage of the electorate can understand more than a bare few of the issues confronting the nation at any one time.

The Labour Party has in its policy document principally concentrated on a single issue which is not even a real one. It unjustly claims for itself the credit of having secured full employment, a benefit for which voters of every kind must inevitably feel grateful.

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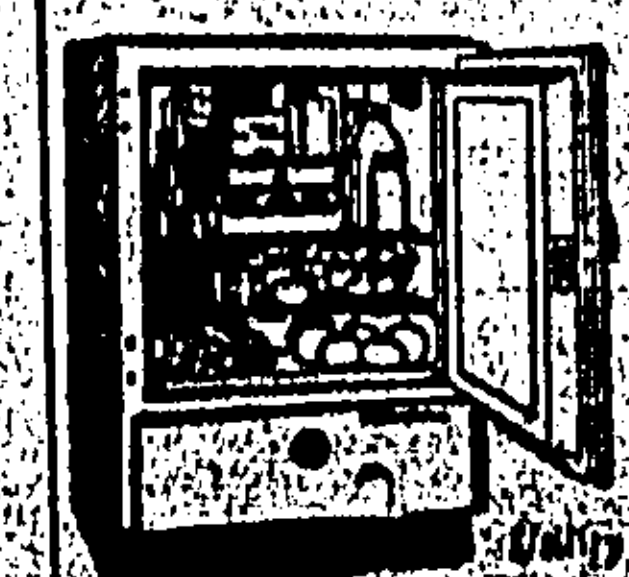
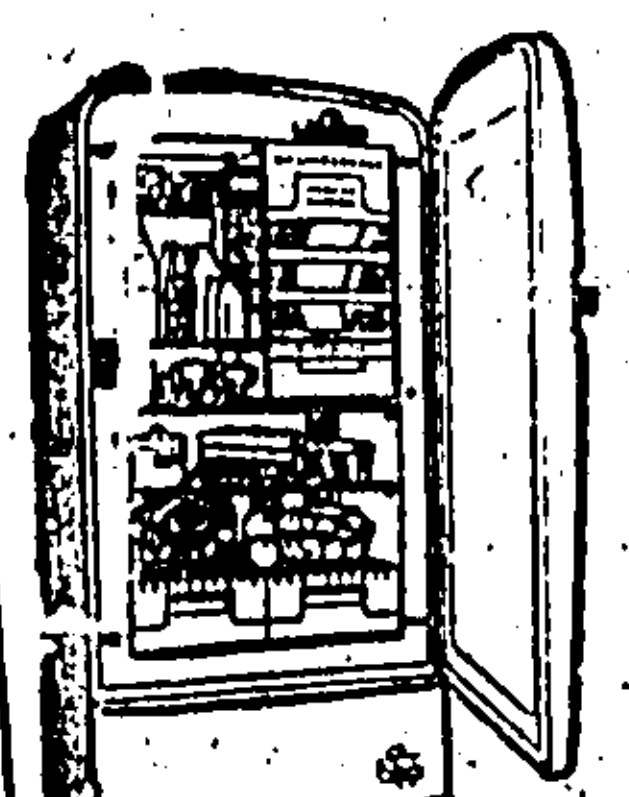
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It seems a habit, to offer prizes for almost anything out of the very ordinary these days. No prize seems big enough for the story—"relayed from Asia" to Washington—that the Sino-Russian negotiations may produce a plan for reducing the Chinese population by 100 million. The tale is, of course, the father and mother of all the propaganda yarns about the talks in Moscow, whether it originated in Taipei, Tibet, or Timor. It is linked up with purges and forced labour, and is an adornment, no doubt, of the much less modest story about a demand for half a million Chinese for a labour force.

There is, of course, a point to this exercise in imagination. It is that the two scholarly Chinese students of Marxist doctrines—and of their own great cultural heritage—are having a very tough time indeed. The Russian Communist, fashioned by the Kremlin system out of wars, terror, hunger, and revolution is as cynical in thought as he is violent in action. The hard bargaining and subtle intrigue at, say, the Congress of Vienna, appear courtly and decorous compared with what has happened at every single conference with the Russians since the war. There has never been anything quite like it for sheer futility. Decisions, if made at all, have never come from agreement. They have had to be made in one or the other's despite, like the Berlin airlift.

Certainly, if the Russians are running true to form in Moscow, Mao Tse-tung must have been shaken to the core by Russian rigidity both of personality and of policy. The Kremlin does not, in fact, negotiate. It issues commands, and purges or executes its own, from hierarchy to acolyte, when crossed or disobeyed. It gives nothing away to others. Tito took what he wanted, his own and his country's independence, and he had the will to fight for it and to protect it. If the Chinese leaders in Moscow really want to be independent—if they want to get the Russian troops out of Dairen and Port Arthur and to exercise real authority in Manchuria, they are unlikely to get these things by grace of amiable talk round the table.

The Kremlin doesn't do things in that way. It would fix matters to its own liking with stooges in regional control in the loosely-held and vast outer areas along the Great Wall. It did so in 1924, when the agreement was concluded with Chang Tso-lin, then a frustrated rebel in Mukden—after Joffe and Karakhan had tried their hand in vain in Peking, Canton, Mukden, Changchun, and Tokyo in swift succession. In more concentrated areas it replaces this with the direct methods used in the satellite Slav States.

The bearded, bespectacled pedant who wrote the Marxist gospel in the dignified seclusion of the British Museum would be hard put to it to recognise his foster-children. He was not the sort of man to turn like Spengler—who had a visage more formidable than any Prussian General—from the monumental labours of historical research to the totalitarian fury of "The Hour of Decision." In this the famous German lecturer shouted at the top of his voice that in this grandest and most terrible age

PARLIAMENTS—THEN AND NOW

In my 45 years membership of the House of Commons I have been present at the birth and death of 11 Parliaments, applying that term to each separate General Election and dissolution; we confuse foreigners by using the description Parliament, sometimes in this sense, and sometimes as meaning the Lords and Commons together as a permanent institution.

All Parliaments differ from each other if only because the number of members in the various Parties and Groups vary from Parliament to Parliament and that affects the political complexion and attitude of the House of Commons even when the same Government is in power for two or more Parliaments.

But I should like to debunk the prevalent idea about the present Parliament now on its death bed—that it was utterly different to any preceding one and that the 1945 General Election was the only one in living history to produce a revolution in ideas and personnel.

The 1906 election produced an equally great upheaval. The 1906 Parliament which preceded it came into being as a result of what was called the "Khaki Election"; the Conservative Party gained a large majority by appealing for support to conduct and victoriously the South African War; they were bitterly opposed by a number of Liberals (though not all Liberals were in that category) who objected to the war and were called "Pro-Boers" and "Little Englanders" in the jargon of the time.

One of them was a young Welsh lawyer called Lloyd George. When he donned a policeman's uniform and escorted by a side door did he avoid, after a meeting at Birmingham held to protest against the war, what many believed at the time would have been an actual lynching.

Scenes of these same "Little Englanders" the journal of opinion in Britain then, as now.

It is a pity that the visit of Mr. Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, to Dr. Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, at Bonn should have been clouded and to some extent spoiled by Dr. Adenauer's raising the question of the Saar.

So far as the Western Allies are concerned, no question about the Saar's status remains. It has been detached from Germany, both politically and economically. It is within the French system, and its currency is the French franc. Politically, it is an autonomous State, governed by a Saar Parliament elected under a

of man, force and violence would alone count, and that force—men, gripping destiny between their knees like the wild horsemen of the steppes, would soon put an end to "the dreary train of world-improvers."

The American Joint Chiefs of Staff, now in Tokyo looking over defence problems in the Far East, are less concerned with older philosophers and prophets than with the political and strategic realities presented by the new fanaticism. They met President Truman last week and advised him to go ahead with the hydrogen bomb, which is to be 1,000 times more powerful than the "old-fashioned" uranium bomb. The order to develop it has been sent out and some say the first will be ready for delivery within the year.

Officials in Washington reiterated that the United States is far ahead of the Russians in the atomic arms race. And as the British writer on science, Mr. A. M. Low comments, with singular insouciance, believe me, if there were a bomb showdown between Russia and the United States, I know where I would put my money. It may do the unyielding Communist fanatic some good to know that there is another kind of argument. But it is a bit shattering to those of us out here who like to feel we are a little off the crowded main streets of history that atom bombs may soon be stored in the neighbouring Philippines. The hydrogen bomb will follow no doubt in due course. That sort of bomb can destroy the world as we know it. It may also be the one thing to unite it.

being very rapid—were returned with enormous majorities over Conservatives in so-called "safe" seats in the 1906 election.

Opposed to war

They were violently and sincerely opposed to War and what they called "Jingoism," and detested the Empire, which, they considered, promoted both. They were a far greater source of trouble to the Foreign Secretary, Sir Edward Grey, and his colleagues in the Defence Department, such as Mr. Churchill and Mr. Haldane right up to the outbreak of the 1914 war, than the handful of "fellow-travellers"

By Lord Winterston

have been to Mr. Bevin in the present Parliament.

Their detestation of, and out-ward regard for, the Empire and its defence led to bitter debates on External Affairs. I remember the "ury of my Tory colleagues on the Back Benches and myself when they sneered at a suggestion of yours to celebrate Empire Day by tying the Union Jack on Government buildings.

In the present Parliament, great as are the differences over domestic policies, there is happily no rift of such dimensions between "Front Benchers" or "Back-Benchers" on the two sides of the House over Foreign Affairs and Defence.

But it will be asked, surely the change in outlook on home and industrial affairs between the majority in the 1945 Parliament and the preceding Parliament was infinitely greater than between those of 1906 and 1906?

It is doubtful if it is so; a number of men elected for the first time in 1906—lawyers, journalists and professional men generally—were violent Radicals

What about the Saar?

Constitution adopted by a Saar Constituent Assembly.

All these features, both economic and political, have been ratified by Saar votes. They have also had at least the tacit assent of West Germany, in whose Constitution no mention of the Saar is made. Only in one formal respect are they incomplete. They are resolved, like everything else, including the status of West Germany itself, for the final decision of the peace conference.

Meanwhile, as no peace conference is in sight, nor can be with Russia in her present mood,

By Scrutator

and as moreover, if and when it does come, the United States and Great Britain are fully pledged to support it, the present arrangement, the French are reasonably entitled to resent Dr. Adenauer's attempt to create doubts about it.

Why did Dr. Adenauer do this? It seems pure mischief, and he had not previously been a mischief-maker. No doubt he is a keen and sincere nationalist, and he has increased his popularity since he took office, both from the extreme Right and from the Social Democrats. The latter, as led by Dr. Schumacher, remain blind to the lessons of their own past. They pursue to believe in representative government, but, as in 1931-33, are going the very way to make it fail.

In their party vendetta against Dr. Adenauer they use every weapon they can find, and in a narrow, but persistently vilified him on nationalistic grounds, though by so doing they play straight into the hands of the extreme Right reactionaries.

In stirring up trouble among the Saarlanders, they are deliberately trying to sabotage Germany's reconciliation with France, though that reconciliation is the indispensable preliminary to any eventual settlement of Germany with the democratic and progressive forces in Europe.

Saarlander feeling

The Saarlanders themselves have repeatedly sanctioned the French solution and ratified the successive steps in its application. It may be that some who so voted have since changed their minds.

Western Germany since the currency reform of June, 1948, is economically speaking a new country, and its continued progress towards prosperity may attract many who in 1947 had despaired of it.

It has also to be remembered that before the war the Saarlanders voted, by a very large majority for re-inclusion in Germany, even though at the time it meant coming under Hitler. In other words their nationalistic feeling was, at times, stronger than their love of liberty, and not improbably still may be.

Nevertheless it would be ridiculous to say that the French solution is any more a matter of oppression than the alternative.

and very similar in temperament and attitude of mind to the young "leftist intellectuals" on the Socialist Back Benches today.

The elements which I have described, together with the "Liberal-Labour" members who later became the "Pilgrim Fathers" of the Labour Party, were the main-spring of the energy which produced the bitter controversy in the 1906 Parliament and its successors until 1914, over Home Rule for Ireland, the Parliament Bill and the Lloyd-George Budget. The first subject brought British to the verge of Civil War and the second produced a constitutional crisis involving the position of the Crown.

Shocking scenes

From the whole of them resulted scenes in the House which would have shocked to its core the decorous Parliament of 1915. Indeed personal relationship between the two sides of the House has been better in the present Parliament than in any of that of the 1906-1914 period.

The 1945 election produced a new crop of young men who have made their mark on both sides of the House. The fact that they are less well known to the public than those in a similar position in the past is due mainly to the shortage of paper which has so curtailed Parliamentary reports in the Press.

Mr. Churchill has increased his lead as the world's greatest orator in this Parliament. Mr. Bevin, in his reply to him in a recent debate came very close to the Lloyd-George standard—at both its best and its most mischievous.

The 1945 Parliament has passed more legislation than it has had time properly to discuss, and has been prevented, by the Government through the continuance and extension of war-time powers, from debating matters vitally affecting the creation of a continuance of such practices will gravely injure alike Parliament and the nation's freedom.

Luxembourg, which (similarly by a vote of its people) is economically tied to Belgium, though politically independent.

There over a quarter of a million German-speaking people live happily enough, with an important heavy industry and a solution for the problem of their frontier regions. You cannot have it, of course, if the Hitler claim be admitted that, wherever Germans live, there Germans must live. But President Truman might be advised to lance back over Eastern Europe and note what the assertion of that claim has cost Germany there.

Of course there is no question of any Western country's copying the brutal extermination and expropriation methods of the Russians and Poles. Yet even in Western Europe Germans must never forget that their nationhood has a great debt of well-deserved odium to live down.

If one asks what is the origin of the French plan to why France wants the Saar to be detached from Germany, and why she desires this small area of less than a million inhabitants to be united economically with herself, the answer is to be found entirely in the Saar conflict and the heavy industry associated with it.

It is not a very large affair; but naturally, if you transfer it from Germany to France or vice versa, it counts two on a vision added to Germany. It makes the German coal resources more than double the French; added to France it makes the French coal resources over three-fifths of the German.

Coal is the greatest of all war potentials, the foundation of most of the rest; and since one of the chief difficulties facing Western Europe is how, eventually, to give Germany equal status in it without making her over-dominant, the Saar mines may go a long way, when the time comes, towards providing a satisfactory answer.

French security

Both the United States and Great Britain have, as said above, pledged support to the main French policy. That does not tie them to approve all the details of its execution; which France may be asked to clarify. But they are unlikely to raise much argument.

The suggestion, for instance, that France should take a 50 years' lease of the mines is in accord with the general policy; and something like it is probably necessary to give the French security to invest the necessary capital.

BATTLE "ON THE AIR"

By Douglas Kay

For better or worse, the coming election may be won and lost "on the air." The crucial battles are likely to be fought not in the town and village halls and market places of Britain, but in the dingy, impersonal cells they call studios at Broadcasting House.

To those who remember the vintage elections of the first quarter of the century, in which the big names of politics stamped the country for days on end putting their case to the People, the disembodied campaigns of the Radio Age may seem a little lacking in fervour and inspiration.

Millions will hear the party leaders in the coming election. But scores of thousands heard and saw Balfour and Bonar Law, Lloyd-George and Asquith, and the other great names of the past.

How it began

Now the party political talks whether at or between elections, along with official ministerial broadcasts, constitute the main branch of radio in which the BBC is not responsible for current policy. If politicians are becoming ever more cautious in the matter of broadcasting, the responsibility must be placed fairly and squarely on the headquarters of the three main parties.

The BBC's role is mainly that of agent, placing air-time at their disposal according to the formula agreed between them, and speaking in its own name with the assistance of BBC producers.

It is instructive to trace the expansion in the electoral use of radio since the creation of the BBC in 1927. In the 1929 election there were—no more than the quaint language of only 20 years ago—three "speeches on the wireless," one for each of the main parties. The critical election of 1931 occurred since the general election in 1935 the total reached 12.

More judicious

This year, too, there will be the same lavish use of air-time, but in a more judicious manner. Each of the 11 election broadcasts at 9.15 p.m. in the Home Service will be given a special broadcast in the Light Programme at 10.15 p.m., and there will be a few additional broadcasts at 6.15 p.m.

Now, although it can be argued that, so far at least, electoral broadcasting has proved to be only a pallid substitute for the great oratorical campaigns of the past, the truth may be that our contemporary politicians are themselves to blame for this, rather than the medium.

Privately, some of them tend to regard broadcasting as an easy way out of the heavy burdens of "live" campaigning—one speech doing the job, so they hope, of 20 in the country.

The one master

To make matters worse, they mostly fail to study the medium of their choice. They bring to the microphone what they fondly suppose to be a cosy bedside style of their parliamentary style—meat and pickles, as it were—and sometimes the outcome is a parody of what a lively radio talk should be.

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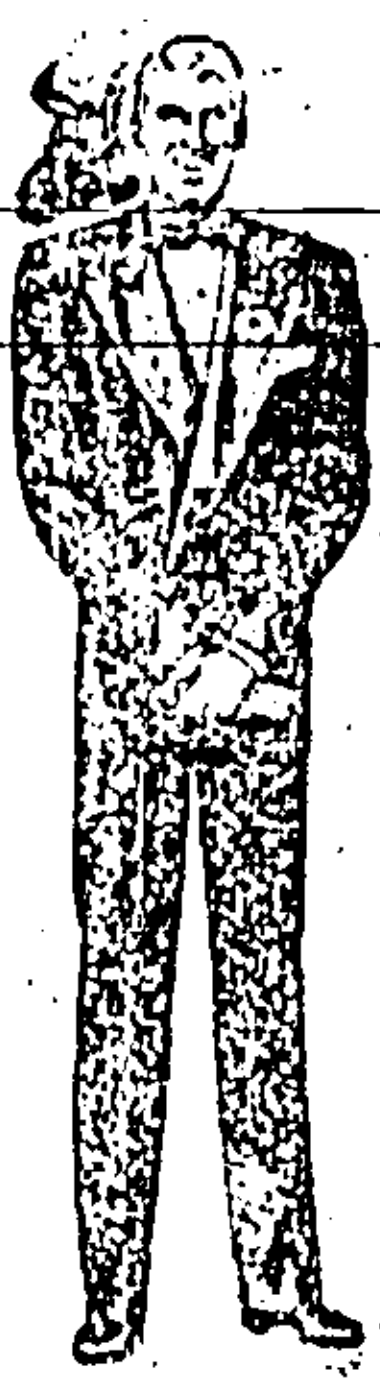
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The maroon, steel door of the car parked in the third floor corridor of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel slammed tight, with pulverising force, for the 25,000th time...

A salesman, with an Old Etonian tie and a Harvard degree, had been discovered that the average car door slammed 85,000 times in an average life of 28 average years.

Some sales talk
Months ago a Detroit furrier had managed a safari which brought back 187 fine skins. In time these skins covered the floor, walls, and upper side panels of the "Debutante Conventicle."

Boosting buying
It was all so good, and it was all part of the boldest, the brash-est, the most fabulously unscrupulous exhibition, entertainment and general brahminia put on by American Big Business this half-century.

The wealth of Wall Street, the ingenuity of Detroit, had been decked out in an exaggerated version of Hollywood glamour. America's most highly paid models sprang over America's most expensive cars, while a rumba band played and chorus girls kicked high in the background.

Liveliest waltzers brought round excited, excited, vodka, exorbitant Scotch, Grand A Milk, red and tomato juice, and the best champagne in the world.

It made the best British Motor Exhibition look like a jumble sale.

Give-away show
A half an hour later I went on the radio in a coast-to-coast hook-up. I had to wait my turn while lines of flash-teeth announcers boosted this product and that. Then I walked on to a studio stage amid the wild applause of people who had never seen me before in their lives.

Prime question
Then I had to answer a general knowledge question. I had to name the man who had expressed a few given words about Britain's gratitude for the Marshall Plan. I guessed "Cripps," and learned amid a chorus of Aahs that I had lost a Leica camera.

Butter ballyhoo
On my way back to the office I wandered into a grocery store to continue my search for normal people. But instead, I found myself in a pound of margarine.

Golf tie-up
More than 7,500 golfing enthusiasts rode flew drove or hitchhiked to the "Riviera" Country Los Angeles, for the climax of Ben Hogan's amazing come-back campaign.

Only 11 months before, Hogan had been extricated from the wreckage of his car, after a collision with a long-distance bus. He had a 50-50 chance of life. Only a few optimists thought he would play golf again.

Fabian of the Yard--No. 13:

THE YELLOW STRING BAG THAT TRAPPED A KILLER

By Supt. Robert Fabian

Miss Dagmar Peters trembled with cold. It was 6 a.m., a damp October day. She was planning to hitch-hike to London, 30 miles distant.

Her modest brown fox fur was Sunday best. She had no other scarf. With a faint smile, then, Miss Dagmar Peters reached from the car over her head a clean woolen vest and tucked it cosily around her neck.

It was so early. Nobody would see. Six hours later a police-surgeon was examining a rigid blue death-brush around her throat. She lay sprawled among dead shrubbery, the A2 high road, between 5 a.m. and 8 a.m., Harry.

"Strangled," said the surgeon. He arose, brushing autumn leaves from his knees. "By some sort of deadly poison, possibly a snake bite. One of the several burly CID men watching granted: 'No sort of scarf here, sir!'"

There had been no identification either. No purse. Only a hair-net tangled among the dead twigs.

no struggle
The Chief Constable of Kent County Police sent to New Scotland Yard for aid, and that evening I sat in West Malling Police Station, sipped a cup of tea and studied photographs of the death scene.

There had been no struggle. Detective-Sergeant Harry Rawlings, of the Yard, my assistant, echoed my thoughts. "The body was dumped there," he said. The Home Office pathologist, Dr. Keith Gimpson, confirmed.

She always carried a brown attache case, containing a packet of sandwiches, some little gift for her sister-in-law. And she carried a purse, the key to her bungalow and a yellow string bag with her.

A purse, a key, a yellow handbag. These things were not at Wrotham Hill.

It was important to find them. The murderer might have touched these things. Chief Detective Superintendent Frank Smeed, of Kent County Police, set 100 men seeking purses, keys and handbags. Photos of duplicate keys and purses were published in the "Police Gazette" and the daily papers.

But the handbag we had no duplicate of that. It had been reached by another of the dead woman's sisters-in-law, at Wrotham. Maurice Wells, my driver, hurried us there.

Could you crochet another yellow handbag exactly like it?" I asked.

"I'll sit up all night!"

"Will it help you get that murderer?" asked the woman, and her lips were deathly pale. "I will sit up all night and make it!" And she did.

The afternoon editions carried the photograph of the yellow string bag and millions of homeside and farm tea in West Malling, a 15-year-old lad, Peter Nash, ceased spreading butter upon his thick slice of heartily-baked bread. "Why—that photo in the paper—its the handbag I found in the old lake two days ago!"

His father brought him to the police station. I went with the lad to the spot among stirring lake weeds where he had found the bag, a full field distance from the A2 road.

"Where is the bag now?" I asked. Crumbs! He clapped horrified hands to his mouth. He had given it to a woman neighbour! She, in turn, had given it to another neighbour, and so to a third. All within 48 hours. Each woman had scrubbed it.

"Not much chance of a clue," I thought morosely. But I handed the bag to the police laboratory. "Interesting," said Dr. H. S. Holden. "I find three distinct types of hair caught in these string fibres. Two belong to humans, and the smaller hair-fragments are from the coat of a brown and black puppy."

One of the women whose hair was thus found—it was a tiny bit about a quarter of an inch long—we identified as Dagmar Peters's sister-in-law, who had crocheted the bag. Another was one of the three Kent women who scrubbed it.

"She had been seated upright for some slight time after she died," he said. "Blood drains away from the skin cells of a corpse."

"Seated in a motor-car?" I asked. "Probably something less up-holstered."

"In Rawlings I ordered: 'Check all lorries that used the A2 road between 5 a.m. and 8 a.m., Harry.'"

He sent out an "express message" to which all the hundred clattering teleprinters at New Scotland Yard's information room switched simultaneously.

Next morning, waiting for the lorry reports to come in, I identified the dead woman as Dagmar Peters. She had lived respectably at Hever Avenue, Kingsdown, in a smart bungalow like a caravan, about 20 yards from her mother's house.

Her mother, shocked at the murder, told me Dagmar got up at 5 a.m., once a week, climbed a 30-mile lift to London to visit her sister-in-law.

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And the puppy-hair provided the last link with Dagmar Peters—it was her pet dog, missing since the day of the murder.

We searched for the dog among hedges and fields for miles. It seemed all a jumble.

During that search a policeman in Wrotham found a torn piece of brown attache-case, another bit was discovered, a mile up the road. More bits, towards London. We placed them together. It was Dagmar Peters's case!

One thing was clear—this was the murderer's track. Rawlings and I had been sitting laboriously through 1,500 statements taken from lorry and car drivers traces as having been on the London-Malden A2 road, during those fatal three hours on October 31. The murder lorry was not among them.

"That night it seemed a hopeless jumble. We went back to our notes—the Bull, at Wrotham, but couldn't sleep. Next door I could hear Rawlings moving restlessly. I tapped on the wall.

"Come and smoke a cigarette, Harry." We sat shivering, with coats over our pyjamas, discussing the clues that we had found by the roadside.

"That yellow handbag," said Rawlings. "Why should the killer carry it across a field, climb an eight-foot fence, just to throw it among the weeds of Clare Park lake? Why wasn't that thrown by the roadside?"

Suddenly I had an idea. "Suppose it was thrown into a stream that runs near the road and the stream carried it into the lake?"

Next day a local Guide mistress told us where the lake water came from. "It comes from the old mill stream at East Malling," she said. "We used to put mackerel in bottles and drop them in there. They always came up in Clare Park lake—it's fed by an underground stream!"

The old mill had now become a cider works. Children watched, too awed to giggle, as two solemn adults tossed mackerel bottles over the roadside bridge. The bottles vanished under a culvert that ran beneath the factory.

An hour passed... then the art of the bottles glinted among the lake weeds.

"I'm going to try the actual handbag," I said. I returned to the works, and with a silent prayer, dropped the vital bit of evidence into the mill stream.

Three hours later it was floating sullenly at the lake edge.

"That's all very well," said Harry Rawlings. "But none of our 1,500 lorries is shown as having called at the cider works on October 31."

"This was baffling. We wandered around the works, troubled. I saw a pile of bricks. "When did these arrive?" I asked.

"They belong to a building sub-contractor," I was told. "He keeps his own records. I was when the bricks had been delivered. 'Anyway,' he said, 'it was from a firm of haulage contractors in Cambridge. They'd know.'"

"We went to Cambridge. "Why, yes," said an official of the firm. "We delivered bricks to East Malling in a four-ton Albion lorry—on October 31."

"Why didn't you tell the police?" asked Rawlings. "They never asked me," said the official.

We went to the headquarters of Cambridge County Police. When we asked about the garage we had just left, we were told: "That's in the Borough Constabulary area. We wouldn't deal with it."

Now... a chance in a million
At the Borough police headquarters: "Why, that garage is in the county police district—see the map!"

I examined the map, and had to smile. The garage was exactly on the boundary.

A chance in a million—and perhaps the only garage in England that had not been checked in the general inquiry.

We apologised to the official of the firm owning the lorry. "Who was the driver?" I asked.

"Chap called Sydney Sinclair—he left nearly a week ago."

Sinclair was traced, invited to visit me at Cambridge police station.

"I entered boldly enough. A big thick-handed man with a bruiser's face. But there was something about him... Surely this is an old bug?" I thought.

"What did you say your name was?" I asked sharply. He shuffled, discomfited. "It's... Sinclair."

"Come on! How long has it been Sinclair?" I was bluffing. In the silence his gaze dwined down from my face to the floor.

"It's Hagger," he said, sullenly. "Harold Hagger."

Rawlings, "phoned Scotland Yard. Criminal records office. Back came the reply: "Harold Hagger—16 convictions, including assault on a woman."

I told Hagger formally, "I'm making inquiries respecting a woman found murdered at Wrotham Hill, Kent, on October 31. I understand you were on the road that day."

Hagger told me the road he had taken. Then I asked acutely, "I think I ought to tell you that a torn-up attache case and a paper bag belonging to the dead woman were found in Wrotham Lane, along that route."

Hagger sat down as if he had been clubbed. His face had gone yellow. "Look, Guv'nor, I found that attache-case and chucked it all away."

I took a statement from him. Then took him along the murder route. In Wrotham Lane he indicated where he had thrown the case. Further up the lane, he stopped.

"That's where I chucked the case," he said. "I said nothing. But this puzzled me. The woman had been fully clothed. Rawlings followed Hagger's pointing finger. There, behind a hedge, was a woollen vest."

We sent to the science laboratory. "Dagmar Peters's head hair on it," they reported promptly. "Also, the texture of the cloth fits the texture in the strangulation bruises."

So it must have been taken from the body after death. Hagger licked his dry lips. "I didn't mean to kill her—I must have pulled the scarf too tight."

He made a statement. He alleged that Dagmar Peters had tried to take his wallet from his jacket pocket, and he had struggled with her.

"Where was the jacket?" I asked. "Hung up on a peg inside the cab of the lorry."

So, he was driving in his shirt-sleeves on a bitterly cold October dawn!

The jury did not believe him. He was hanged at Wandsworth Prison.

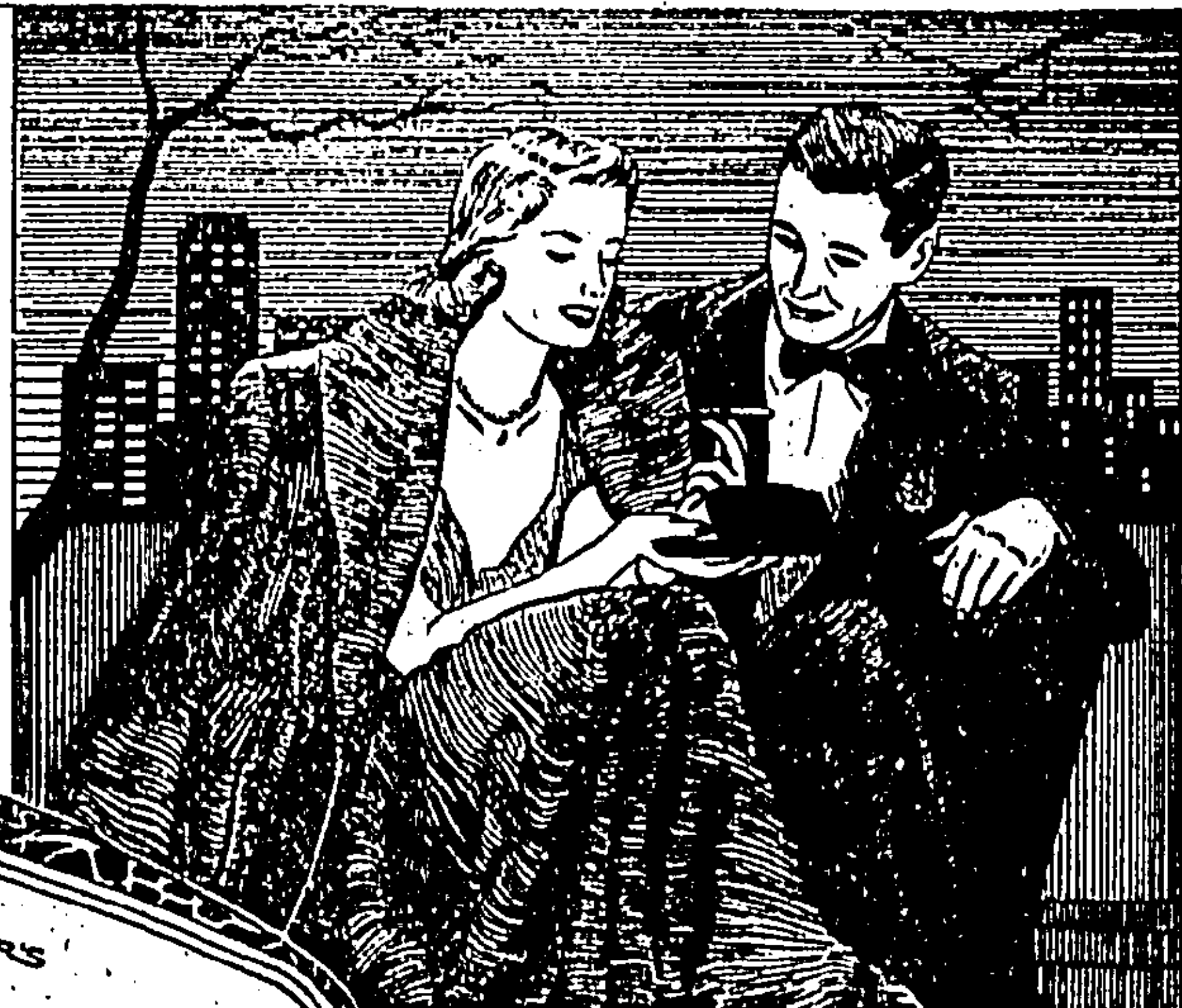
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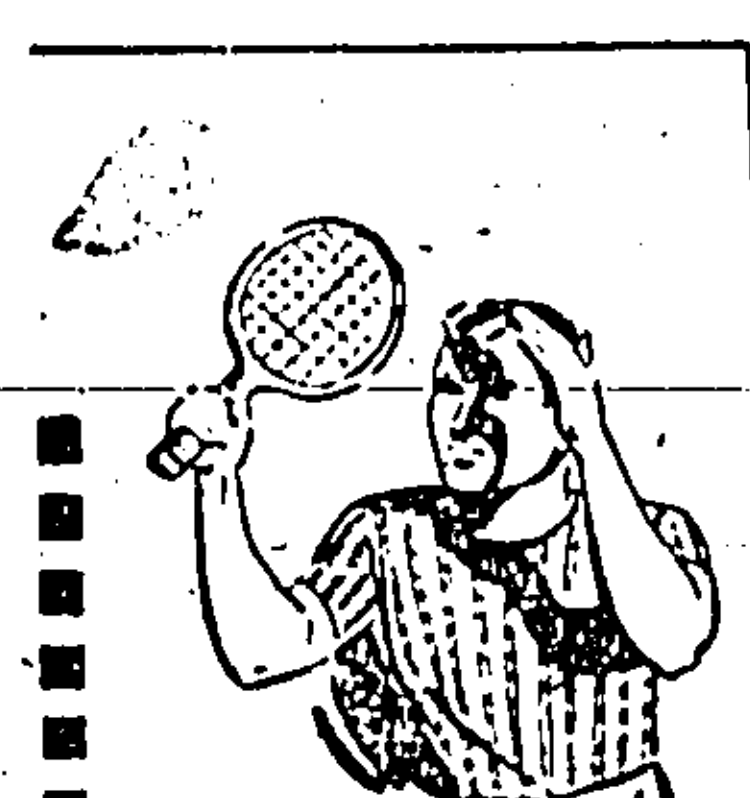
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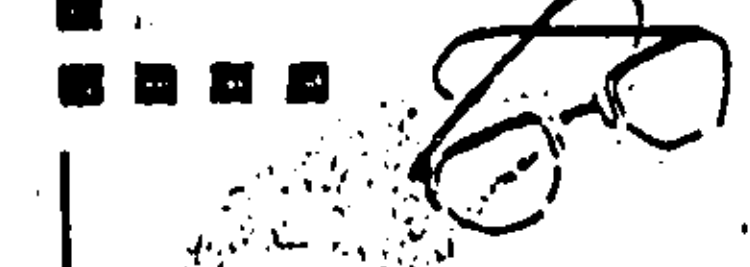
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Of all our enemies in the late war Rommel was the only one who appealed to the public imagination, both as a dashing commander in the field and, by all accounts, an honourable and generous enemy.

There was an aura of romance and chivalry about him which was quite foreign to the rigid, grim efficiency normally attributed to German generals. There was always, too, been some mystery about his end, how it came about, and how far he was involved in the plot against Hitler's life in July, 1944.

Desmond Young's book gives a picture of the soldier and of the man which will be fascinating to all who fought against him in North Africa; which is full of military lessons for all officers; and which is as exciting and readable as any novel.

The author has obtained his information at first hand, from Rommel's widow and son, from Rommel's own papers, and from his staff and close friends.

There seems no reason to question the authenticity of the information and the accuracy of the facts. From then he has drawn a picture of an interesting and attractive personality, has resolved certain problems of war history, and has raised certain others which will provoke discussion.

Murder by the S.S.

To begin at the end: the story of Rommel's murder by SS agents at the orders of Hitler is simply—but dramatically—told. Rommel was not involved in the plot to kill Hitler and knew nothing of it; but he had recognised that the war was lost and had argued that approaches for peace should be made to the Allied commanders over Hitler's head.

The conspirators, who realised that Hitler's death was a necessary preliminary to any peace offer, had decided, without informing Rommel, that he was the only personality whom the Army would accept as successor to Hitler, when the latter had been eliminated.

So that when the plot failed and some of the conspirators were tortured, Rommel's name was mentioned, and he was included in Hitler's revenge. He was given the choice between taking poison and trial by the People's Court with the practically inevitable result of a disgraceful death.

His wife urged him to stand trial and expose Hitler. But Rommel's last appreciation of the situation, taken calmly and quickly as on the battle-field and with as good a judgment of his enemy, was surely correct: "I know that I should never reach Berlin alive."

The story of Rommel's personal relations with Hitler is interesting. As a regular officer he kept himself entirely aloof from politics, and never had anything to do with the Nazi Party. But Hitler read a book written by Rommel on infantry tactics, admired it, and chose Rommel as commander of the battalion responsible for his personal safety on the march into Sudetenland in 1938—a curious choice, in view of Rommel's known disregard of safety considerations where he himself was concerned.

Rommel had the same command during the invasion of Poland and till early in 1940. He had therefore good opportunities to study Hitler at close quarters. Though Rommel never seems to have liked him, he was impressed by his qualities and among others by his personal courage.

But, as the war went on, he realised Hitler's megalomania and dishonesty; long before the end his distrust and contempt of his Fuehrer were complete. For Rommel was a simple, straightforward honourable man.

The following incidents recorded in Desmond Young's book should be noted to his credit. When in 1935 Rommel was

attached to the Hitler Youth to improve their discipline, he soon fell out with Baldur von Schirach, saying that he objected strongly to small boys of 13 being trained as "little Napoleons," and telling von Schirach that if he was determined to train them as soldiers he had better first go and learn to be a soldier himself.

Von Schirach naturally had Rommel returned to the Army. A remark of Rommel's about the Italians is, as the author says, surprising in a German general: "Certainly they are no good at all."

By
Field-Marshal
Earl Wavell

But one must not judge everyone in the world only by his qualities as a soldier; otherwise should have no civilisation."

When Hitler's order to execute all Commando troops reached the desert he promptly burned it, though the order was signed "Adolf Hitler," and though it threatened penalties under military law to anyone failing to carry it out or to communicate it to the troops. War under Rommel in the deserts was waged hard and fiercely but fairly.

How highly should Rommel be rated as a general? To many who have studied his exploits he appears as an exceptionally brave leader who was a very tactician and brilliant gambler on the battlefield, but who had little knowledge of higher strategy and a disregard for administration.

This book will certainly cause reconsideration of such judgment. It shows clearly that Rommel appreciated much better than Hitler and the Higher Command the importance of the Middle East to the British defence, and that the success there should be a preliminary to any attack on Russia. He realised, too, that Malta was the key to the Mediterranean, and repeatedly pressed for its reduction.

He may not have been a highly educated soldier but he seems to have had an instinct for strategy as well as for tactics; and we can probably judge ourselves fortunate that Hitler and not Rommel directed the Axis strategy, and that Rommel's advice on the campaign in Africa was not taken.

His imputed failure to recognise the value of logistics arises partly from the belatedness with which he often pressed his advantage beyond his administrative limit, and also because he sometimes relied on promises of supplies which were not fulfilled.



"I'm afraid you'll have to lay off political speeches for a while!"

In his own notes on Desert Warfare, which form an Appendix, he wrote: "An adequate supply system and stocks of weapons, petrol and ammunition are essential conditions for any army to be able to stand successfully the strain of battle. Before the fighting proper, the battle is fought and decided by the Quartermasters."

He also made the shrewd remark that the African War was determined by the result of the Battle of the Atlantic. A dictum of Rommel's on which it is worth while to ponder in these days when the lines of communication are loaded with cinemas, concert-parties, canteens and so forth is this: "the best form of warfare for the troops is a superlative state of training, for this saves unnecessary casualties."

Rommel lived hard and frugally, and expected others to do the same. Perhaps he was too hard on himself, for he was a sick man by the time he reached El Alamein, and had soon to be sent to hospital in Germany. The story of how on October 24, while still in hospital, he received a message from Hitler asking him to return and left at 7 a.m. next morning to take over an already lost battle shows the courage and loyalty of the man.

"He caught me"

Space allows only the barest mention here of other matters related in this enthralling book; Rommel's opinion of the British soldier ("an extraordinary brave and tough creature combined with a rigid inability to move quickly"); his criticisms of the generals opposed to him and their tactics; his rules for Desert Warfare; his account of the campaigns of 1942; the revelation of the superiority of German tanks and equipment up till the final battles; and many more things of interest both to the military and to the lay reader.

If I may be pardoned a personal note, it has interested me to find in this book that my calculation in the early part of 1941, when the British expedition went to Greece, that I should not be counter-attacked before the beginning of May, was justified against any ordinary commander.

Rommel was ordered by the Higher Command to submit a plan by April 29 for "a cautious advance." Actually he attacked on March 31 without ever submitting a plan, and caught me unprepared. I had not reckoned on a Rommel.

Rommel was a military phenomenon that can occur only at rare intervals: men of such bravery and daring can survive only with exceptional fortune. He was as brave on the battlefield as Ney, with much better brains; as dashing as Murat, with more balance; as cool and quick a tactician as Wellington.

Whether he had the breadth of vision to control the higher fields of strategy is unproved and perhaps doubtful. But I believe that anyone studying the facts in this book, which seem well established, will recognise him as a fine character and great soldier.

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You're scared of mice?
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Most of us have a deep-rooted dislike or fear, perhaps secret, of some little creature that is quite harmless to us, such as a beetle, spider, large moth, bat or mouse.

But this weakness is not peculiar to the human race. So if it is a caterpillar that makes you panic-stricken, don't feel too

The sudden appearance of an unfamiliar object will nearly always frighten highly-strung animals and so will an unexpected noise, like the banging of a door or a piercing shriek. But generally these things will cause no frighten if the animals concerned are gradually trained to grow accustomed to them.

The most perplexing fear is one roused by the sight of an object that would normally be

By Helen Sidebotham

ashamed of your cowardice, for the orang-utan and the chimpanzee, both brave in an honest stand-up fight, are liable to feel exactly the same as you do.

On many occasions these apes in captivity have been known to run away screaming with horror because a meal-worm has been thrown into their cage or they have found a caterpillar in their food.

If it is a mouse that reduces you to a state of terror, be consoled by the fact that the chimpanzee also shares this fear and so does the elephant.

High Kick

Elephants have often been seen registering alarm in the presence of a mouse and if they summon up enough courage to kill the tiny intruder they do so by means of a kick delivered with sufficient force to fell an ox.

Nearly all the higher mammals have an instinctive fear of snakes and it would seem that the extent of this dread is influenced by the strength of their intelligence.

The belief that snakes hypnotise their prey has been proved a fallacy. Creatures like rabbits and guinea-pigs show no sign of fear if placed in a cage with a snake whereas the gorilla in similar circumstances is terrified and makes every effort to get away.

taken as a matter of course, and when the origin is unknown it can rarely be cured. If, however, an incident liable to result in fear is noticed at the time, any subsequent nervousness can be checked by showing the animal that the cause of his alarm was an accident.

For example, if a puppy is hurt by a ladder while out for a walk he should at once be taken back to the ladder and persuaded to walk past or under it several times until he realises that he can meet ladders without getting hurt.

Cats as a whole dislike whistling; monkeys hate to have their backs stroked though they like to be scratched; and tame snakes like to be handled but become annoyed if their noses are touched.

Find out first

Again, some types of animal hate to be picked up while others accept this as a normal thing. To find out which way they will react to being picked up the mother animal should be watched. If, as in the case of cats and dogs, she carries the young in her mouth they will not mind being picked up. But if they are not used to being lifted up in infancy they dislike it.

And on an animal that follows its mother in response to her instructions prefers to advance towards you by invitation rather than to be approached.

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THE JACKET ENSEMBLE

By Janet Martin

Have you seen the new jackets? They are slim, they are straight, no flares, no swaggy backs, but they can never be referred to as "odd" for each one is part of at least one ensemble.

Depending on a careful choice of cloth, you will see how neatly this idea works out, so neatly that it is a pity no one has given serious thought to it before.

Instead of making your short, loose jacket a definite "casual", it now becomes part of a plan, it can make it interchangeable with several other items in the wardrobe.

Your loose jacket may be worn over its matching dress, suit, skirt, or skirt-and-waistcoat. So, you have budgeted for a smart suit for the spring, add a loose jacket of the same material.

Should your suit quota be filled up, a dress and jacket ensemble would be a happy choice, or a skirt with jaunty waistcoat to be worn over your new tailored blouse, and jacket to complete the three-piece.

Matching part

Which ever way you look at the spring ensembles, you will find this jacket idea in the smartest collections. No matter how useful for interchanging, your jacket must be a matching part of one particular outfit.

First, let us take a three-piece ensemble in the "worst" check. The skirt is the typical straight tube, neatly darted at the waist, with small side-slits at the hem to allow room for walking. The jacket is "tailor" short, with high, flat revers, five buttons and rounded, cutaway front and pockets with rounded flaps.

Over the suit goes a loose jacket, straight, fingertip length, with no trimming except double-lapped pockets, rounded to match those on the suit jacket. The loose jacket can be worn over a plain gabardine dress or slacks, for less formal occasions.

A very useful choice is the dress and jacket ensemble. I noted a charming version of this two-piece in ice blue wool crepe. Simple frock with high-necked bodice and slim skirt, the clean line accentuated only by outside-stitched darts above and below the waist.

The loose jacket is wrist length with revers but no collar, cut absolutely straight, and with flap pockets. In so useful a shade, it can partner plain frocks and skirts in black, navy or brown, equally happily.

For town wear

Designed for town wear, a two-piece in fine wool gabardine of a subtle stone shade features the classic skirt with "the look" jacket instead of the more usual fitted one. This jacket has facings and covered buttons of nigger brown gabardine and would make a perfect alternative outfit over a brown gabardine frock.

If you like to be in on the first flight of fashion, there is the new "middy" look of the suit jackets in Schiaparelli's American collection. This is straight, buttoning to the neck, with a wide lap to match the sleeve cuffs. Amusing, but not if your jacket has to last for more than one season!

Choose your loose jacket carefully, and you will find that it can be quite as useful as last season's "casual" while adding the final touch of good fashion sense to your Number One spring outfit.

U.S.A. as a woman sees it

By KAY MURRAY

Hollywood is laughing itself sick at the "1950 face" which New York fashion experts have released to a startled public.

Although technically 1950, it is directly inspired by the current trend towards fashions of the 1920's, and also by the tremendous success of the Broadway revival, "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes."

Ladies who aspire to the "1950 face" just paint their eyes lavishly, do up their mouths in two shades of red and adopt a straggling fringe and scraped-back hairdo strongly reminiscent of a plucked chicken.

A Hollywood makeup man, in the intervals of holding his sides, exclaimed: "It's awful! It's funny. Look at that hair! Why, it's the same monstrous concoction I put on the Frankenstein monster more than 20 years ago!"

The fashion experts, ignoring the hullabaloo, instruct their 1950 disciples to take a black pencil and draw a heavy line around the eyes extending to almost to the eyebrow. The Cupid's-bow mouth is outlined with dark lipstick and filled in with a light shade.

Hollywood's comment was a sour "looks like a girl just finished a healthy lunch and forgot to repair her makeup."

American women will have to look to their laurels if they are going to lose their reputation for looking and staying young, said one of America's top dress designers the other day.

Mr. Charles James, interviewed in New York on his return from Europe, announced that he was shocked at the "odd" look of American women when he got off the boat.

He says that it isn't their figures—it's their clothes and their hair. Clothes, says Mr. James accurately, "particularly made clothes, are fitted today on dressmakers' dummies that bear no resemblance to the average woman's proportions."

The shape of women's fashions follows their postures. The present day American woman's posture is of the erect "chin up" type, in which it differs from that of the Frenchwoman, who has a lower bustline and tucks her tail in more.

Mr. James, who has dressed some of the world's best-dressed women, thinks dressmakers' forms should be revised every ten years to accord with altering postures.

He considers the close-cut hair styles of to-day are usually basically unsuited to a mature woman's silhouette and utterly unflattering.

It's going to be the triangular or "inverted pear" shape this spring, if the American fashion previewers are to be believed.

(This accomplished in a number of ways. Skirts are slim and short but above the waist you may blossom out into the required silhouette by means of a dropped yoke and full sleeve, or by melon-shaped sleeves, or short sleeves, cuffed just below the elbow, or by utilizing flat collars nearly as large as shawls. Plants have appeared every-

The latest in styles



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The London couturiers Charles Creed and Matill designed these lovely models for their wives. Mrs. Creed, who is tall, dark and very slender, wears the ensemble on the left in pearl-grey ottoman silk. With it she wears beetroot-red slippers and gloves matching the satin lining to the jacket, and long earrings. Details of the dress are shown in the small sketch. Mrs. Matill, also dark, is shorter, with the true chlo of a Frenchwoman. She wears the draped frock in fine white pure silk jersey. Hip and shoulder draperies are held by jewelled brooches. In her hair is a gold star, made of hair. Gold kid sandals and dark, fur-trimmed, complete the ensemble.

RECIPES

Ham and Spaghetti croquettes

4oz ham or bacon, 2 tomatoes, 2 tablespoons grated cheese, salt, cayenne, 1 teaspoon shortening, 1 dessertspoon flour, 3 tablespoons milk, 2oz cooked spaghetti, season- ing, salt, egg, breadcrumbs, parsley, to garnish.

Melt the shortening, add the flour, salt and pepper and cook until smooth. Add the milk, bring to the boil and stir until the mixture is thick. Chop the ham and spaghetti finely, skin and chop one of the tomatoes.

Add the chopped ingredients to the sauce, mix well and turn into a plate to cool. Mould into cakes between the floured hands, dip in egg, roll in breadcrumbs.

Wet fry until golden brown. Drain well and serve hot garnished with slices of tomato and sprigs of parsley.

Seasoned veal cutlets

4 fillets of veal, 1 cup white breadcrumbs, 1 teaspoon grated onion, 1 tablespoon chopped ham or bacon, 1oz shortening, salt, pepper, 1 egg, a little milk, 1 tablespoon flour, brown breadcrumbs, dripping.

Place the breadcrumbs into a basin and lightly rub in the where, not only to give concealed fullness in skirts, but also in sleeves and to a conspicuous degree in the backs of bodices.

In some cases a panel of pleating forms the back of the bodice and is bloused over a belt to give a peplum effect.

shortening. Add the onion, ham or bacon, salt and pepper. Beat the egg and add sufficient to the mixture to bind the ingredients together. Cut a pocket in each fillet and fill with the mixture.

Sow or skewer together. Add a little milk to the remainder of the egg. Dip the cutlets in flour then in egg and roll in bread-crumbs. Melt sufficient dripping in the pan to cover the bottom.

When turning hot, add the cutlets and fry until golden brown on each side. Lower the heat, cover the pan and cook gently 15 minutes longer. Serve hot with accompanying vegetables and brown gravy.

Fruit fritters

6 oz flour, 1 tablespoon melted shortening or oil, pinch salt, 1 pint tepid water (1 part boiling, 2 parts cold), whites of 2 eggs, 2 apples, 1 orange, 2 bananas, castor sugar.

Sift the flour and salt into a basin. Pour in the oil or melted shortening. Stir in the flour gradually from the sides, adding the water a little at a time.

Beat until all smooth. Batter. Peel and core the apples and cut into rings about 1/2 inch thick. Peel the bananas and cut into halves lengthwise then once across. Peel the oranges and slice.

Stiffly beat the egg whites and fold through the batter. Dip the pieces of fruit into the batter, using a skewer. Drain well and wet fry in very hot fat until golden brown on each side. Drain well. Sprinkle thickly with castor sugar and serve at once.



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MAKE YOUR FEET HAPPY

By Claudia

If there is one thing which should never be tolerated for a minute it is sore, aching feet—and all the corns, callouses bunions and other troubles which go to make them that way.

No one can look happy and beautiful if the feet are not happy and comfortable. Foot troubles can mark the face with lines of strain and pain quicker than anything else I know, quite apart from what they can do to the temper!

If there are corns and callouses or any trouble of that nature, a regular date with a good chiropodist is essential, for these conditions are best treated surgically at home. Plasters and plasters are helpful, of course, but they need a terrific amount of perseverance before any noticeable results. And the last thing you should ever do at home is to cut a corn yourself.

Foot troubles are not things to go around moaning and complaining about. They must be given the best care and expert attention both by you, and your chiropodist.

Home routine

The home routine of the foot care is something equally important and too often scamped or omitted altogether. But if you want to have happy feet when the hot weather comes again, a little routine care now will pay you a good dividend.

The ache of tired feet is often due to a weakness of the muscles in arch and ankle which, after all, are extremely hardworked. Two simple nursing exercises will help tremendously.

First, before you get up, stretch the feet and ankles over the end of the bed and wriggle the toes vigorously for a few minutes. Then work the ankles up and down, round and round in circles, both ways, each foot separately.

right foot up-and-down 10 times; circle to the right 10 times; circle to the left 10 times. Repeat with the left foot.

When you get up, raise on tiptoe and lower 20 times, and walk on tiptoe around the bedroom while you are dressing.

Bath time is the time for ordinary foot routine. Soak in the warm water, lather and scrub the thickened skin around the heels and balls of the feet with a piece of pumice stone. Dry with a rough towel, rubbing away the bits of loose skin and pressing back the cuticle skin around the nails.

Oil massage

Afterwards, massage with warm oil, stroking firmly from toes towards the ankles. If the skin is soft and tender and easily chafed, rub in a little methylated spirit to strengthen and harden the skin.

Minor corns and callouses will respond to a corn plaster or corn paint after several applications, but more serious ones, as I have already pointed out, should be treated professionally.

Due to the fact that oil or foot powder before dressing. Never wear stockings a second time without rinsing out in suds and water to remove stale perspiration. And, above all, give care and time to the choice of shoes, which are the cause of most of our foot troubles.

Tight, uncomfortable shoes never did anybody any good—least of all the wearer. And they never made any foot look the least bit smaller. It is the line and shape which will do that. Choose a comfortable fit that will hold your foot like a glove—firmly, but not too tight and wide enough not to cramp the toes.

Choose a line and cut which will flatter your instep and ankle, and wear them around the house a few times before you go out in them.

Ann Temple

Common sense does it

Are there some situations in which it is best to consider oneself ignominiously defeated and to run away? Or should one always stay and fight?

I'm in a difficult spot. I fell in love some time ago with a man who works in the same business. He is not interested in me and I am not the man-chasing type.

I have to meet him and talk to him daily. I find myself being tongue-tied and awkward with him. I am really terrified he will notice or, worse still, guess the reason.—DISMAIED.

I wouldn't make this a "run away" or "stay and fight" situation if I were you. It is not a question of running or being noble. Common sense settles it.

If you can get an equally good job somewhere else, go. You will get over it all the more quickly out of sight and sound of the man, and you will be free of the emotional harrowing.

But if the job matters to you, if you enjoy it and prospects are good, stop redoubting your concentration in the job and its details, and by that method lessen the time and attention you give to any personal aspect.

Aim not so much at controlling the emotion as discouraging it. "Oh, for goodness sake leave me alone" to your heart is a good cooler. Impatience with yourself will help a lot.

My husband and I have not had opportunities in life, and we do not talk good English. Perhaps that is why we admire it so much in others.

We notice that nowadays it is the exception more often than the rule. How is it that men who are supposed to be clever enough to get the big jobs have not been clever enough to learn to talk properly?—DARBY AND JOAN.

They could if they wanted to. But they don't want. Probably because they are afraid of being accused of snobbery, afraid of losing class popularity.

This is an error arising out of the confusion of incorrect speech with dialect. The intonations and the individualisms of dialects are pleasing. They give character and personality to speech. But the distortion of vowels, dropping of consonants and errors of grammar are anything but pleasing. And certainly bad speech breeds more distrust than confidence.

I have girl friends in plenty, but at no time have I ever known what it is like to feel that someone really cares for me.

If others can get off with nice girls, why can't I?

I know I am shy and scholarly in appearance and bearing, but I can't help that. I am 2' and the boys are saying, "Do I wait for a girl to find me or continue this futile hunt?"—ARTHUR.

You mean, do you wait for a girl to discover you behind that forbidding facade of shyness and scholarly bearing? You'll have to wait a long, long time, my lad.

Nor will you fare any better continuing the hunt. You don't know the first thing about it.

And I don't give you any advice, because you would take everything too literally and go plunging and bounding in without a thought to technique.

Your best plan is to take the oldest and wisest of these girl friends into your confidence, ask her to help, let her take you in hand and keep constant watch over you.

Don't back out at this. I know you are already making excuses to me I tell you—for it's your only hope. But it is a good hope.

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Hectic weeks for the election wives in Britain

By Rhona Churchill

There is domestic upheaval in a thousand homes, in Britain today. A thousand housewives— young, middle-aged and elderly—are busy shaking the dust of quiet domesticity from their feet and preparing to face the full glare of the political limelight of a general election.

They are The Candidates' Wives—the nation's most important women for the next few weeks. Be they timid or gushing, solemn or happy-go-lucky, intellectual or just intelligent, dowdy or glamorous, they must play their allotted part, act a given role, try to push their husbands into Parliament.

You can scarcely overestimate the importance of The Candidate's Wife in an election. Politicians recognise this and always demand to see the prospective Candidate's Wife before adopting him. What she says and does at election time can win or cost them thousands of votes.

What are they like—these wives? What does this general election mean to them? Let's visit a typical one—typical, that is, of the new generation of Candidates' Wives.

Let's visit Mrs. Angus Maude, wife of the Tory candidate for Ealing South and mother of two baby girls, aged three and one. The Maudes are part-tenants of a first-floor flat in Edgeware Road, shared with Mrs. Maude's father-in-law. She is an energetic, efficient little woman—characteristics she put to good use in the war-time ATS.

Like most Candidates' Wives, she will greet you by throwing up her hand telling you that this election "could not have come at a worse time."

She will say her hair needs perming, she has no clothes fit to wear, she planned to make marmalade next week, her mother's help is ill, and the children— Oh, well, come in, won't you?

Home life first

It is her job to talk politics to you and the plans to do so. But first she must put her own house in order. She must so organise her domestic life that she can leave home every day at 10 a.m., be at the back and call of her husband's agent.

First thing Mrs. Maude did when she heard the election date was fixed was to go through her husband's and her own shoes and take those needing repair to the cobbler. Next she took a close look at his suit and sent one to the cleaner's. Her own she sponged and pressed, then looked critically at her hair.

The Candidate's Wife's hat plays a bigger part in electioneering than you would imagine. She is advised when and when not to wear it and is instructed "positively no feathers." Headscarves will do for canvassing, but hats are a "must" at most evening meetings.

Dress snags

She must dress neatly but inconspicuously. She must not have the audience looking at her husband's feathers when they should be gazing at her husband with rapid attention. Another thing she must diligently maintain from the platform the expression of one who has never before heard the oft-repeated remarks being made by her husband, The Candidate.

She must also keep a smooth-running home to which The Candidate can return between meetings. This is perhaps the hardest job of all. Mrs. Maude has already had a word with her greenkeeper, who has promised to help by sending "special" deliveries to her during campaign weeks.

She plans to "nip out early" to the other shops and so avoid the crowds, and to buy enough non-perishable groceries to last for a solid day.

Her head is in a whirl today. How to get everything organised is a major problem. There is 14th of marmalade to be made next week. (That can't be avoided, because The Candidate loves marmalade and will love it no less if he becomes an MP).

There is the long overdue perm. ("I've been putting it off for weeks.")

The children?

There is the essential search for a "new" pair of low-heeled shoes for canvassing. And there are the children. ("Something must be done about the children.")

Mrs. Maude's 72-year-old mother has offered to help, but cannot do much. She is going to tackle the current household darning and mending. Mrs. Maude's sister has offered to look after the sick mother's help. But all Mrs. Maude's friends and relations are either too busy or too old to take over her baby daughters.

Father-in-law has offered to sit-in with them in the evenings. A daily woman has agreed to "drop in between jobs" and prepare their midday meals. But that does not seem enough if Mrs. Maude is to do the canvassing, public speaking, and platform squinting required of The Candidate's Wife.

Glad it's here

Mrs. Maude herself feels both scared and excited over what is coming. She dabbles in politics on her own account, having a seat on her local council.

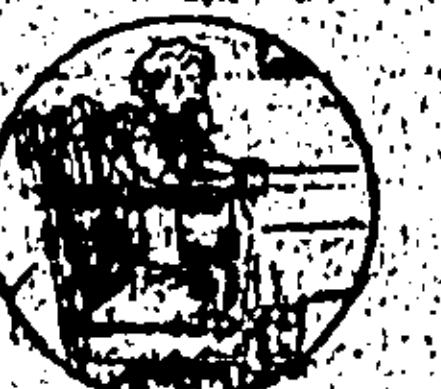
She enjoys canvassing on her own behalf, but is a bit unweary by the realization that a word out of place or an ill-timed action may cost her husband a vote.

She knows she may be asked to shout herself hoarse from a loudspeaker van, to face hecklers in the town hall or the High Street, to kiss babies, to visit committee rooms, and last, but by no means least, to kiss baby back-stage happy.

And all the time with the knowledge that, perhaps, at home three-year-old Deborah is refusing to eat her milk pudding because Mummy is not at home, and year-old Deborah is cutting another tooth.

Can you blame her when she says, "I'm sorry and the election has come, but I'll be jolly glad when it's over?"

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ANGLO-U.S. DIFFERENCE OVER RUBBER POLICY

New York Stock Exchange

New York, February 3.

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Gen. Pulp. Utilities 16½

Selected railroad bonds attracted a little support. U.S. Government bonds held steady. Higher in the curb was Imperial Oil.—Associated Press.

LOAN TO SPAIN UNDER FIRE

New York, February 3.

Small stockholders registered vigorous opposition to further loans to Spain by the Chase National Bank at the Bank's annual meeting.

Several stockholders tried to prevent the Bank from considering any more Spanish loan without approval of stockholders by referendum.

About a year ago, the Bank loaned \$25,000,000 to Spain on gold collateral for purchase of farm machinery and to provide dollar exchange.—Associated Press.

NY COTTON

New York, February 3.

Cotton futures closed today unchanged to 50 cents a bale higher.

March 31.30

May 31.34-35

July 30.59

October 28.95

December 28.84

March 28.80

Midling Spot 32.23 nominal.

—Associated Press.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, February 3.

A late buying movement in grains reduced or erased earlier losses today. Wheat closed one to one and a half higher.

March -2.14%—½

May -2.00%—¼

July \$1.88

Corn unchanged to 1-½ higher.

Oats ¾ to ¾ higher.

Rye ¾ to ¾ higher.

Soybeans 1-½ to two cents higher.—Associated Press.

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New York, January 31

Britain and the United States are determined that never again will they be caught short of rubber, vital industrial material in peace or war. Both nations remember painfully the critical world shortage which developed when the Japanese overran Malaya and other Pacific rubber-producing areas.

But there the eye-to-eye Anglo-American view of the elastic product ends abruptly. For Britain, owner, or controller, of much of the world's rubber plantations, naturally looks with a wary eye upon a young and healthy synthetic rubber industry.

The United States, which has no natural rubber and must import its entire supply, is a leading exponent of synthetic rubber.

The week of January 15-21 brought important developments to the world's rubber industry. First, President Truman asked the U. S. Congress for authority over production and consumption of synthetic rubber for another year.

He recommended that at least part of the Government's \$700,000,000 war-built synthetic rubber industry be shifted to private ownership.

Both steps, the President made clear, were designed to protect the United States against a rubber shortage in any future war—and against private monopoly.

The second important development came on the very same day of the Truman announcement. The British Rubber Development Board announced a \$10,800,000 five-year programme to promote natural rubber consumption and improve the quality of the product. A Board spokesman said about \$2,400,000 would be spent during 1950 in Britain and the United States on market research and publicity.

U.S. suspicious

British rubber producers said their new campaign was not designed to attack synthetics. They declared they do not seek to raise the price of their own product.

American rubber producers dispute the last statement.

Said a spokesman for one of the leading American firms: "It seems to me the British are trying to raise the price of natural rubber."

"The British naturally do not like competition from synthetic rubber," the spokesman continued, "but there is not enough natural rubber produced to supply world needs."

American rubber producers estimate the U. S. will consume around 955,000 tons of rubber during 1950. Of this amount, 575,000 tons will be natural rubber and 410,000 tons synthetic.

Industry leaders said this is about the same amount used during 1949.

The U. S. Commerce Department reported this week that the proposed sale of natural rubber in American plants for car tyres

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CIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

Hong Kong February 2, 1950.

Truman's request

President Truman's request for continued Government rubber control was contained in a report prepared by the Commerce Department and submitted to Congress in early March. It also reported use of general purpose synthetic rubber declined for the third consecutive month to 15,084 tons.

The Department said November consumption of natural rubber totalled 34,470 tons—the highest since March. It also reported use of general purpose synthetic rubber declined for the third consecutive month to 15,084 tons.

The President recommended that the Government continue to support synthetic rubber production by requiring a percentage of synthetic rubber along with consumption of the natural product.

Mr. Truman urged that present production capacity of nearly 1,000,000 of synthetic rubber a year should be maintained.

The 1948 rubber act barred the Government from getting rid of any wartime synthetic plants, but asked the President to make recommendations by this January for disposing of them.

The President said he believes synthetic rubber should constitute at least one-fourth of the nation's total rubber consumption and not less than 200,000 long tons annually. According to the Commerce Department, a minimum level of production and consumption from time to time.

Commenting on Mr. Truman's request, the New York Journal of Commerce said editorially, "We believe the President's programme asks for more Government controls over rubber than are necessary in the interests of national security."—Associated Press.

LONDON STOCKS

London, February 3.

Trading was at a minimum today because of the impending start of Britain's general election campaign.

Rubber shares scored small gains.

Financial Times' Index: 104.2.—Associated Press.

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Launchings in U.S. set a record

New York, February 3.

The American Bureau of Shipping reports that United States shipyards set a peacetime record for launchings when they sent 975,572 deadweight tons of vessels down the ways in 1949.

The tonnage represented 38 large ships.

The Bureau said American private yards also achieved a new deadweight tonnage record in the number of ships completed in the year.

Included were 33 tankers of 103,292 deadweight tons, three of the tankers being 30,000 ton ships, largest in existence.

Mr. J. Lewis Luckenbach, President of the Bureau, said that the war, a large number of small self-propelled and non-propelled vessels were completed.

Of these, 68 were said to be large oil barges with capacities of from 1,000 to 3,000 tons of cargo each, and a combined deadweight tonnage of 170,000 tons.

Mr. Luckenbach said only three of the newly completed tankers were documented in the United States, the others being registered in Liberia, Panama, Honduras, Venezuela and Canada.

Mr. Luckenbach said 37 large steel merchant ships of 610,676 gross tons are on order.—Associated Press.

BRITAIN BUYS ZINC IN U.S.

New York, February 3.

Trade sources report that the British Ministry of Supply has purchased 10,000 tons of prime Western grade zinc for delivery during the first three months of 1950.

The metal is of Mexican origin and will be priced on the basis of the average U.S. quotation at East St. Louis market for the month in which delivery is made. The current U.S. price is 9½ cents per pound.—Associated Press.

LONDON TIN

London, February 3.

Cash tin was unchanged at £599 10s bid, £600 asked.

Ninety-day futures were up £1 5s to £563 bid, £563 5s asked.

Total turnover was 85 tons.—Associated Press.

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Badminton
Championships
start on Friday

The Colony Open Badminton Championships will begin on Friday, February 10, when several First and Second Round matches will be played off at the Victoria Recreation Club.

The Badminton Committee has decided that matches will be played as follows:

All the Club de Recreio on Tuesdays.

At the Kowloon Cricket Club on Wednesdays.

At King George V (School) on Thursdays.

The following are the games to be played on Friday: February 10, Monday, February 13 and Tuesday, February 14:

Friday, February 10:

At Victoria Recreation Club

p.m.

7.00 Schoolboys' Singles Yue

Kuei-kee v. Wong Kai-

cheung

7.30 Schoolboys' Doubles Tai

Ching and Fan Chung-

hong v. Yip and Chan

8.00 Junior Men's Singles M. H.

Liang v. J. Koo

8.30 Junior Men's Doubles W.

C. Chung and M. K. Fung

v. S. K. Cheong and S. F.

Lam

9.00 Ladies' Singles Mrs. A. M.

Campbell v. Miss Margie

Xavier

9.30 Junior Men's Doubles F. A.

Vieira and R. M. Soares

v. C. C. Wen and C. L. Tai

10.00 Senior Mixed Doubles P.

H. Wong and Miss H.

Kwong v. S. K. Howe and

Mrs. M. Chow

Monday, February 13:

At Victoria Recreation Club

p.m.

7.00 Schoolboys' Singles P.

Fung v. Wong Cheong-yeu

7.30 Schoolboys' Doubles A. Sal-

azar and M. G. Salazar

8.00 Junior Men's Singles K. S.

Tjong v. H. J. Xavier

8.30 Junior Men's Doubles J. A.

Baptista and G. R. Raza

v. F. M. Rozario and

B. B. B. B.

2.00 Ladies' Singles Mrs. J. A.

Soares v. Miss G. Silva

9.30 Junior Men's Doubles A. E.

Elliot and W. G. Gaffney

v. H. F. Tai and B. K. L. Lui

10.00 Senior Men's Singles S. Saul

v. W. F. Foo

Tuesday, February 14:

At Club de Recreio

p.m.

7.00 (Schoolboys' Singles) Lau

Cheung-kan v. Edward C. Y.

7.30 (Schoolboys' Doubles) Y.

Khan and A. Dos Re-

melios v. C. Olsson and E.

Gutierrez

8.00 (Junior Men's Singles) F.

Frederickson v. H. Tai

9.30 (Ladies' Doubles) Miss L.

Soares and Miss Y. Franco

v. Miss M. Ribeiro and Miss

Margie Xavier

9.00 (Junior Men's Doubles) R.

S. Gouley and W. B. Brown

v. Gordon Lum and B. Saw

9.30 (Junior Mixed Doubles) K.

Y. Tso and Mrs. W. K. Tso

v. M. Kempton and Miss J.

Greenhalgh

10.00 (Senior Men's Doubles) M.

T. Yeow and T. T. Chin v.

B. Funk and S. K. Howe

TODAY'S SPORT

CRICKET

HKCC "Oceania" v. Com-
mandos at Chater (Rond),
Jardines v. Royal Engineers, at
Sookunpoo, 11 a.m.

SOCCER

CHALLENGE SHIELD SEMI-FINALS
S. 48 p.m. (Referee: J. P. En-
glish)
Jardines v. Royal Engineers (Referee: J. P. En-
glish)
Jardines v. Royal Engineers (Referee: J. P. En-
glish)
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glish)

FIRST DIVISION

CAA v. Commandos (PP from 27.11.49)
Boundary 4 p.m. (Referee: A.E.P.
Guest: Lineman N. Delgado and H.
Richardson)

SECOND DIVISION

ICA v. Talcott (PP from 27.11.49), Cen-
tral 4 p.m. (Referee: W. J.
West)
S. 48 p.m. (Referee: J. P. En-
glish)

SOFTBALL

MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE
CBA Ground.
9 a.m. - Bagbailers v. St. Teresa's
(Don Robbins, Bernard Silva,
M. Gutierrez, Philo Remedios).

12 noon - Montecas v. U.S. Navy
(Umpires to be nominate
later - across Ren Barretto).

1.30 p.m. - Canadians v. Braves
(Y.C. Mel, Buster Holland,
Ron Squiera, Wanda Rodri-
gues).

Recreio Football Ground.
10.30 a.m. - Dare-devils v. Ameri-
cans (Chas Figueredo, Les
Castro, F. Diesta, E.
Lourerio).

12 noon - Jaguars v. Pak Sport
(D. L. Carter, Robert Murphy,
Tony Silva, Samet Samy).

1.30 p.m. - Chung Hwa v. Overseas
(Skelly Razack, Nugget Ebra-
him, Ollie Vas, Sabu Samy).

MEN'S JUNIOR LEAGUE

Recreio Football Ground.
3 p.m. - Pandas v. Aces (Dick
Chung, June Lee, Dobbie Lee,
Tony Kwok).

LADIES' JUNIOR LEAGUE

CBA Ground.
10.30 a.m. - St. Teresa's v. Mc-
Tyerians (Doc Molthen, Dick
Silva, L. Luz, Hal Wingie).

HOCKEY

Police v. Navy; Boundary Street
11.30 a.m. Umpires: S/Cdr Padley
Mr. Silva.

YMCA Recreio "B" v. Recreio,
11.15 a.m. Umpires: Oiler, P.O.
Marsh.

HKU v. Commandos; Pokfulam,
10.30 a.m. Umpires: Mr. Palmer,
Captain Chismall.

Money Market

US dollars opened yesterday at
HK\$30.43 and closed at \$5.44.

TT was booked from HK\$50.43
to \$5.48.

Sterling dropped to HK\$15.30
Australian pounds were un-
changed at HK\$13.20.

Piastres remained nominal at
HK\$12.05 a 100.

Ticals at HK\$28.50 a 100, and
NEI Guilders at HK\$22.00 a 100,
were unchanged from the pre-
vious day.

Softball:

Rev. Bro. Cronan
chairman of
Midget League
(By "GRANDSTAND")

Clutch hitting enabled the
Jaguars Cubs to topple the
Rexes with a 7-5 nose-out in
the Junior League for the
leadership to be knotted three
ways.

In the other games, Braves
blanked the Delawares with a
14-0 shutout while Blackhaws
subdued the Griffins 13-8. Overseas
upset the dopesters with a 10-7
triumph over Spartans.

At a Council Meeting held on
Friday night, the Rev. Bro.
Cronan was appointed Chairman
of the Midget League.

The games will be played on a
fifty-foot diamond with the pitch-
ing distance 35 feet.

As a result of the decision to
transport, it has been decided to
run two leagues, one the Island
and one on the mainland, the
winners of each series to play off
for the championship.

Players who have participated
in the current leagues will be
barred from this league, and it
is understood that a height
limitation will be imposed on
the players.

The vacancy on the General
Council, caused by Ron-
Sequeira's resignation some time
ago, has been filled by the ap-
pointment of Jim Abiong.

Date set for the Annual Pre-
sentation, Hall is Saturday, April
20, at the Peninsula Hotel.

It was also decided that Inter-
Hong entries for the coming
league will close on February 25.
Teams which intend partici-
pating are requested to send in their
entries to Hon. Secretary, F. W.
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RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Men's Junior League

Jaguars 7 Rexes 6

Braves 14 Delawares 0

Overseas 10 Spartans 7

Blackhaws 13 Griffins 7

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ARMY BEATEN BY HKCC "SCORPIONS"

HKCC "Optimists" lose to IRC by 10 wickets

The Hong Kong Cricket Club "Scorpions" avenged their defeat at the hands of the Army earlier in the current cricket season when they beat the soldiers at Sookunpoo yesterday in a First Division League game by six wickets. By virtue of their victory, the "Scorpions" are now placed in a very favourable position for Championship honours.

At Chater Road, the Hong Kong Cricket Club "Optimists" went down to a crushing defeat at the hands of the Indian Recreation Club, who caused a major upset by scoring a 10-wicket victory over their opponents.

The Hong Kong University beat Kowloon Cricket Club by 33 runs at Pokfulam, while the match between the Commandos and Craighower Cricket Club at Happy Valley ended in a draw.

At King's Park, Royal Navy accounted for Royal Air Force by 31 runs.

FIRST DIVISION

Army—HKCC 'Scorpions'

The Hong Kong Cricket Club "Scorpions" triumphed over the Army by six wickets in a First Division League cricket match at Sookunpoo yesterday, to avenge their first round defeat by the soldiers and also to set themselves up in the strongest position to claim this year's First Division League Championship.

Apart from the league and averages, however, the game brought about some of the brightest cricket seen this season. Both teams were out to play cricket and the result was most gratifying.

The brilliant bowling of R. C. Corfield for Army and H. Owen-Hughes for the "Scorpions" provided some of the highlights of the game. It was the unbroken fifth wicket stand of Owen-Hughes and Borthwick, who knocked up 51 runs between them, that gave the "Scorpions" victory after the Army had been dismissed for 105 runs.

Army's tail-end wicketed vigorously to raise the soldiers' hopes after their almost dismal opening. At one stage of the Army innings, only 22 runs were on the board with five wickets down. Frank Howarth was in fine form with the ball, varying the pace and keeping a consistently good length throughout. He took five wickets for 44 runs.

Such was the "Scorpions" bowling that Army's low total was not increased until Hedley joined Holme. This partnership was fruitful, adding some 27 runs to Army's total before Cull, taking over from Weller, bowled Hedley to break up the pair. Cull accounted for Holme as well.

Corfield and Mitchell were seen together in a partnership, that brought the Army total over the 100 mark. Meanwhile McKenzies, Young and Gravesone had been dismissed cheaply.

A tricky wicket

For the "Scorpions" L.F. Stokes, opened with O.J. Kerr, but the former didn't do too well. On a tricky wicket, Stokes was deceived by the short ball from Corfield and caught by wicket keeper Maynard before he had opened his account. Kerr had scored four when Tony Weller joined him. The two brought the "Scorpions" total to 45 runs before Weller, scoring 10, was caught by McKenzies off Corfield. R.S. Cull joined Kerr but was soon dismissed by Corfield for a duck. Owen-Hughes came in to hit a four on a short ball from Corfield. Kerr soon went out, caught and bowled by Corfield, who took his last wicket to overtake the four for 23. Owen-Hughes, joined by Borthwick, opened up and scored on almost every stroke. Borthwick was also in form and had hit up 15 runs when the total of 100 runs, which gave the "Scorpions" victory, was reached.

Army

Darbyshire c O'Driscoll b Wel

0

J. M. Saleman b Howarth

0

G. R. Timlin c Owen-Hughes

12

b Howarth

M. Maynard b Weller

10

W. W. Holmes b Howarth

8

R. Gravesone b Howarth

18

W. Hedley b Cull

0

E. A. de la Young c Kerr b

0

Howarth

W. Hedley not out

17

Extras

105

Total

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K. G. McKenzie c Stokes b Cull

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R. C. Corfield c Weller b

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L.T. Ridy, hit wicket

0

B.K. Poh, b Sellers

21

T.C. Kerr, c Collett, b Lee

2

D.O. Itanin, b Sellers

2

P.F. Iren, b Kermani

30

J. Petr, not out

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A.A. Vener, b Smith

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Extras

17

Total

137

Bowling Analysis

O M R W

P. Smith 0.3 0 21 1

P. Lee 0 1 19 2

S. Sellers 0 1 40 2

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Hart-Baker 2 0 10 0

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Navy—RAF

In a First Division League cricket match at King's Park yesterday, Royal Navy beat Royal Air Force by 31 runs.

T. Grant c Marshall b Gambrill

33

S. Brown b Ball

12

S. M. Cookett b Ball

7

R. Venables b Ball

13

R. Morgan b Panten b Ball

0

R. Macl c Cooper b Gambrill

18

R. T. White c Cunningham b Gambrill

20

Extras

10

Total

117

Bowling Analysis

O M R W

P. Brooker and D. Uden did not bat

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